Annual Water Quality Report

NEW HOGAN LAKE

Water Year 2001



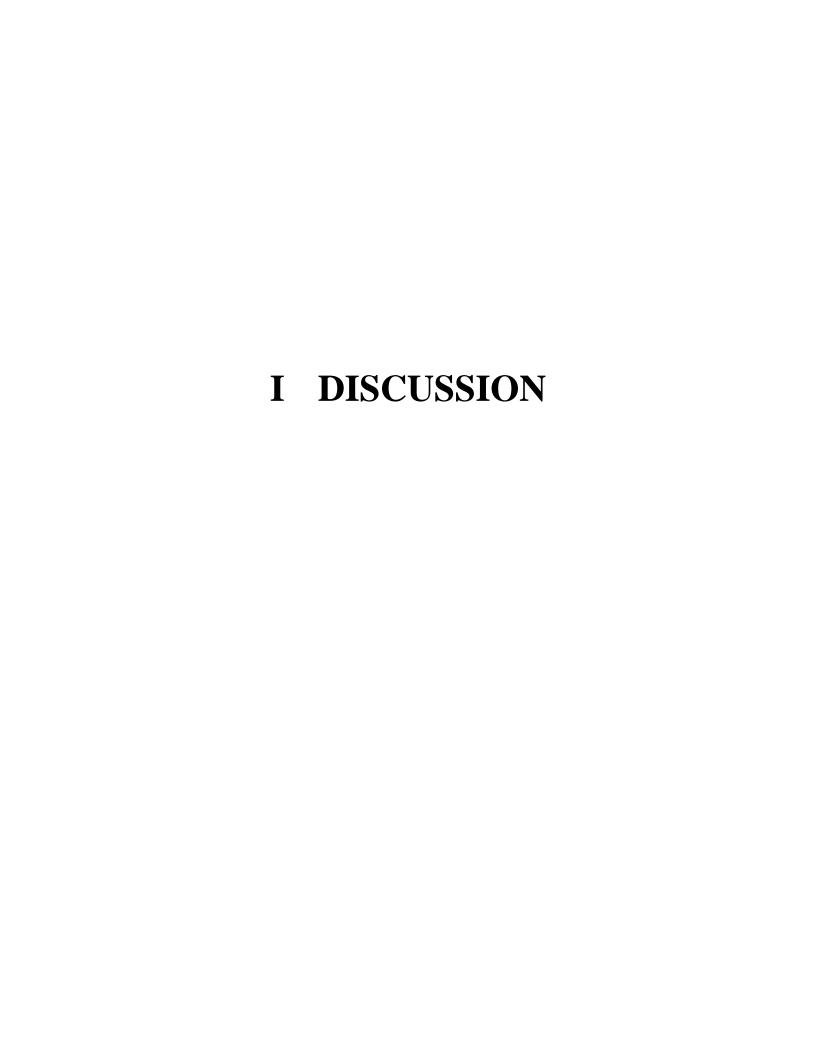
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New Hogan Lake

2001 Results

The dissolved oxygen, water temperature, and pH profiles are shown on the attached figures in Section II. Strong thermal stratification developed during the summer, due to the lake's depth of 90 to 120 feet. Bottom waters for 2000 and 2001 remained below 55 degree F. Dissolved oxygen concentrations during the summer decreased to about 3.6 mg/L below the thermocline. Oxygen depletion is attributed to the natural decomposition of organic matter in the summer and the lack of gas exchange with the atmosphere due to the isolation of the hypolimnion layer. However, the dissolved oxygen on the surface was relatively high. The lake may serve well both as a warm water and cold water fishery.

The surface water pH was 8.3 in 2000 and 8.0 in 2001 during the summer. The summer phytophankton biomass decreased from 0.28 mg/L in 2000 to 0.20 mg/L in 2001. This decreased amount of phytophankton biomass is a potential concern since there must be sufficient biomass that can provide a food source for a fishery. The Spring phytoplankton biomass was about 0.25 mg/L and was dominated by the Diatom species. It should be noted that levels of phytophankton will vary from year to year and will be monitored continuously to determine if eutrophication is occurring.

Eutrophication is the slow natural process in which a Lake moves from an oligotrophic condition to a mesotrophic condition then to a eutrophic condition.

Oligotrophic waters contains low concentrations of essential nutrients such as nitrogen, phosphorus and iron and therefore life forms are generally present in small numbers. Lake Tahoe and Crater Lake in Oregon are examples of oligotrophic waters. Natural input of nutrients from runoff results in a gradual increase of phytophankton and higher life forms. This results in the transformation of oligotrophic waters into Mesotrophic waters which are characterized by the abundance of life forms at all levels. However, continued inflow of nutrients can further change the Mestrophic waters into Eutrophic waters which are characterized by high algue growth, high turbidity, and fewer species due to lower dissolved oxygen levels. The algue blooms and scarce fish makes Eutrophic waters less desirable. This process may occur over a long period of time but human activities almost always accelerate this process. One of the major goal of the water quality program is to reduce or mitigate the human effects on the eutrophication process. This requires a monitoring program to determine the levels of nutrient input and phytoplanton levels. The individual species within each individual phytoplankton group are shown in Section IV.

The nutrient, alkalinity and chemical oxygen demand (COD) data shown in Section V indicates that excessive nutrients are not present that would cause undesirable phytoplankton blooms, that the lake water is well buffered and there is not an excess of oxygen-demanding substances in the inflows.

The dissolved heavy metals did not exceed the drinking water standard or the freshwater fishery criteria except for dissolved mercury. It should be noted that the

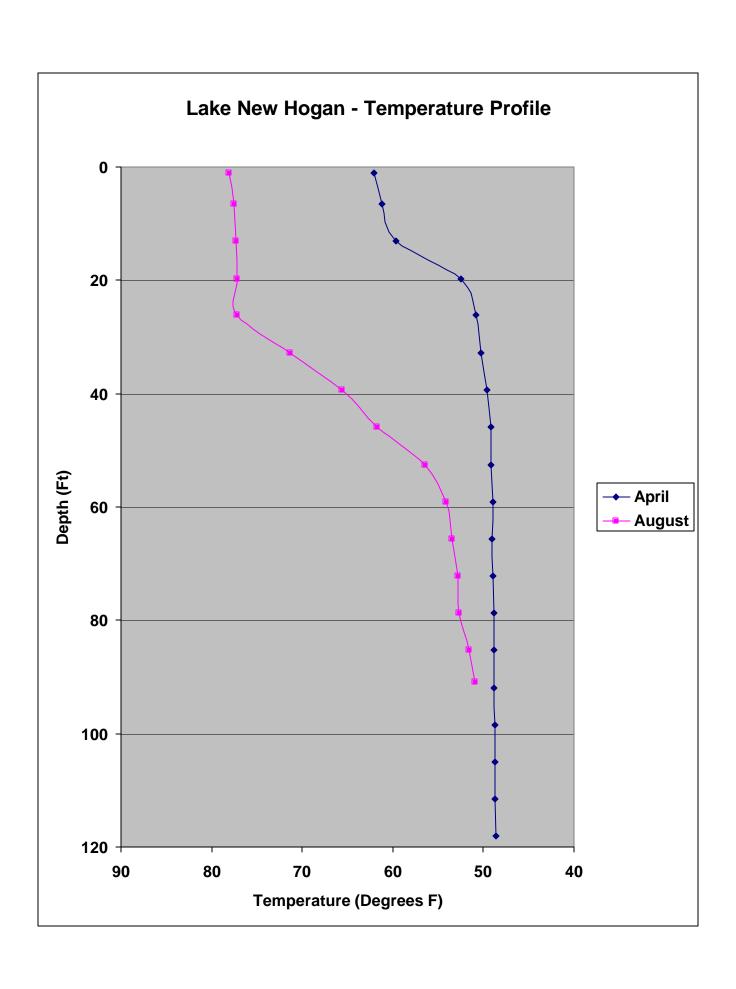
laboratory detection limit for dissolved lead was 3 ug/L which was slightly higher than the fish criteria of 2.5 ug/L. The graphs are shown in Section V for the surface and bottom waters of the Lakes and it's inflows and outflows.

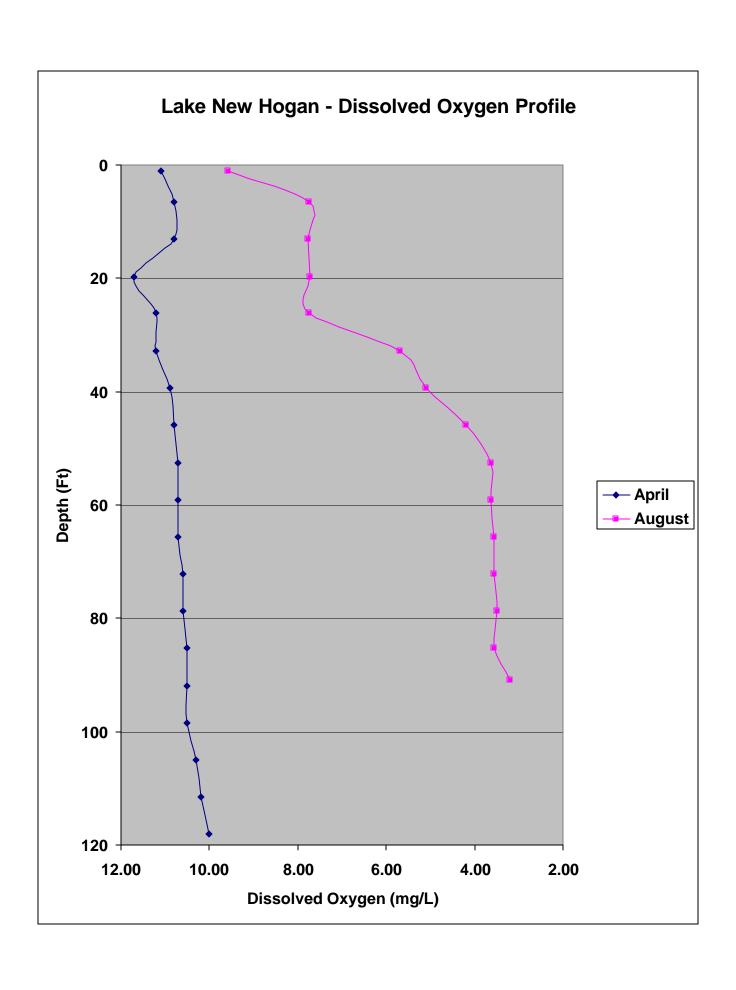
The dissolved mercury levels were found to 0.033 ug/L on the bottom of the lake in the spring and 0.023 ug/L on the bottom of the lake in the summer. This is significantly higher than the fish criteria of 0.012 ug/L and therefore there is a potential for mercury bioaccummulation in fish tissue. The results from three composited catfish that was collected from New Hogan Lake on Oct 3 and Oct 9, 2000 resulted in a fish tissue mercury level of 0.52 ppm. The results of three large mouth bass collected on Aug 14, 2001 resulted in a mercury level of 0.60 ppm. These results are below the FDA level of 1 ppm for a fish advisory but are considered high when compared to mercury levels found in fish tissue on the other lakes. The results are provided in Section VI.

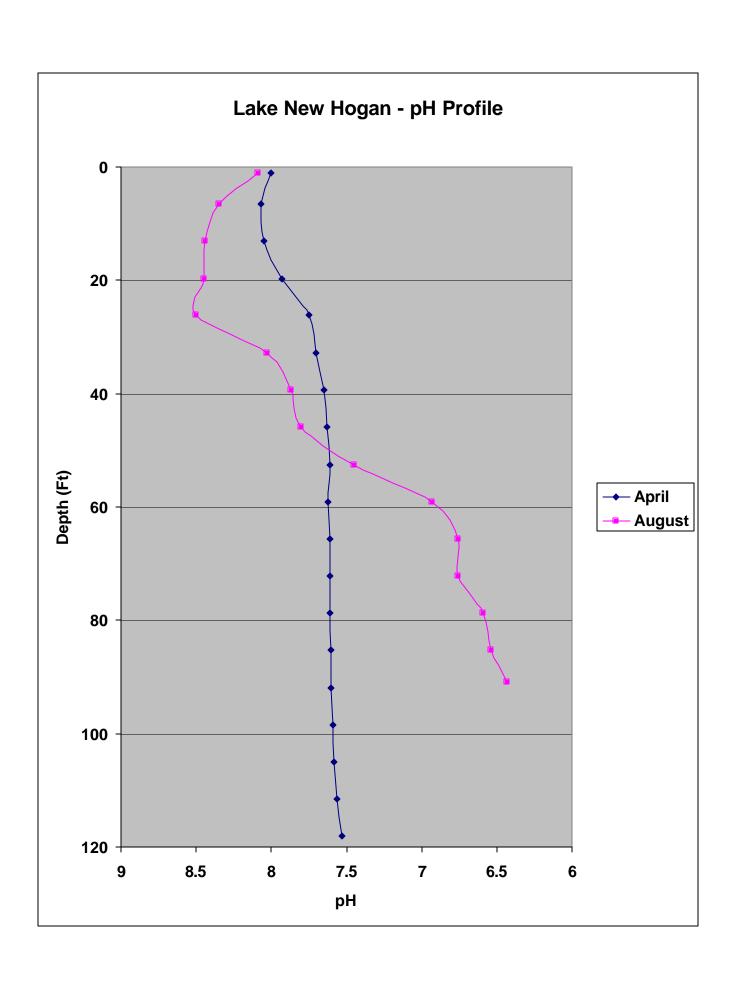
The MTBE results were below the detection limit of 2 ppb for the spring and summer for both 2000 and 2001. These results are very low compared to the mean average of all the lakes and therefore MTBE is not considered a problem at New Hogan. The 2001 results are provided in Section VII. At the end of Section VII is the EPA fact sheet on MTBE in drinking water. Unlike mercury, which has a known toxic effect on humans, there is little data connecting MTBE to human toxicity. However, since MTBE is considered controversial, it is recommended that MTBE data be continued to be collected.

In summary, only mercury level in fish tissue is the only element of concern at New Hogan Lake. Additional fish sampling for fish tissue analysis will continue in the future. The low biomass is a potential concern to aquatic life but biomass levels tend to fluctuate naturally from year to year. The other elements such as inorganics, organics, MTBE do not indicate any significant problems.

II Temperature/pH/DO profile





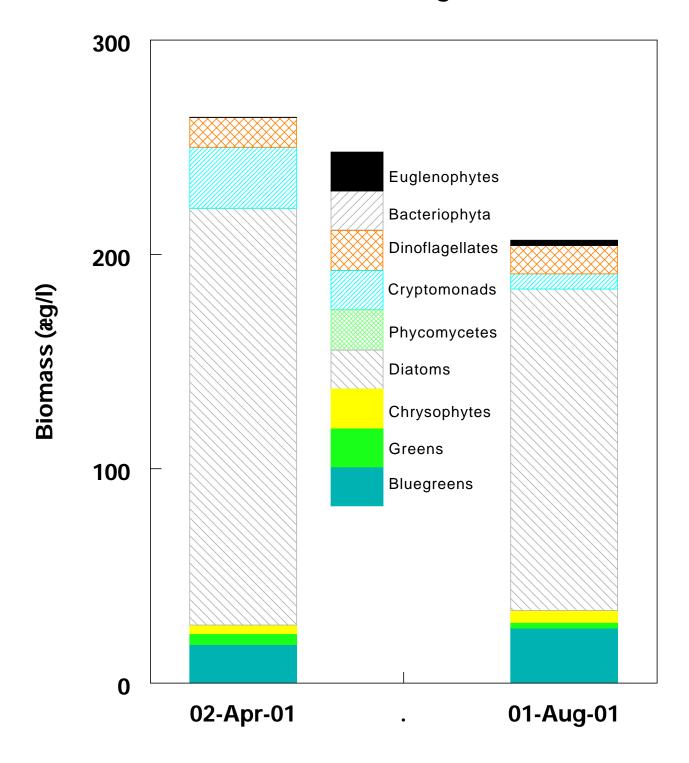


		NEW HOO	GAN LAKE					
Sample Locatio	n: Behind dam			Date: 04/02/01				
Observers: Tim	McLaughlin			Time: 10:30 am				
Lake Elevation	: 676.90							
		Weather (Conditions:					
Wind Speed: 5		Precipitation:	0	Temp (F): 65				
SECCHI Depth	17 feet and 8 in	nches						
Depth-M	Depth-F	Temp-C	Cond	DOmg/L	pН			
35.8	118.1	9.22	143	10.00	7.53			
34	111.5	9.27	141	10.20	7.56			
32	105	9.29	142	10.30	7.58			
30	98.4	9.31	142	10.50	7.59			
28	91.9	9.34	141	10.50	7.60			
26	85.3	9.35	142	10.50	7.60			
24	78.7	9.38	141	10.60	7.61			
22	72.2	9.43	141	10.60	7.61			
20	65.6	9.45	141	10.70	7.61			
18	59.1	9.42	141	10.70	7.62			
16	52.5	9.52	140	10.70	7.61			
14	45.9	9.55	141	10.80	7.63			
12	39.4	9.78	141	10.90	7.65			
10	32.8	10.13	141	11.20	7.70			
8	26.2	10.48	141	11.20	7.75			
6	19.7	11.35	140	11.70	7.93			
4	13.1	15.35	142	10.80	8.05			
2	6.6	16.24	143	10.80	8.07			
0.03	1	16.68	143	11.10	8.00			
CALAVERAS	(Inflow)							
Temp (F)	pН		DOmg/L	EC	Flow rate (cfs)			
59.8	8.49		-	-	68			
CALAVERAS	(Outflow)							
Temp (F)	pН		DOmg/L	EC	Flow rate (cfs)			
-	-		-	-	51			
VISUAL OBSE	ERVATIONS:							

		NEW HOO	GAN LAKE				
Sample Location	on: Behind dam			Date: 8/01/01			
Observers: Tim	n McLaughlin			Time: 10:00 am			
Lake Elevation	: 664.28						
		Weather (Conditions:				
Wind Speed: 0		Precipitation:	0	Temp (F): 75			
SECCHI Depth	1: 13 feet and 4 in	nches					
Depth-M	Depth-F	Temp-C	Cond	DOmg/L	pН		
28	90.9	10.52	173	3.21	6.43		
26	85.3	10.86	174	3.55	6.54		
24	78.7	11.50	174	3.50	6.59		
22	72.2	11.54	175	3.56	6.76		
20	65.6	11.92	174	3.57	6.76		
18	59.1	12.31	174	3.63	6.93		
16	52.5	13.60	175	3.63	7.45		
14	45.9	16.50	174	4.19	7.80		
12	39.4	18.66	178	5.09	7.87		
10	32.8	21.84	183	5.69	8.03		
8	26.2	25.09	191	7.75	8.50		
6	19.7	25.13	191	7.72	8.45		
4	13.1	25.18	191	7.76	8.44		
2	6.6	25.27	191	7.74	8.35		
0.03	1	25.61	191	9.58	8.09		
CALAVERAS	(Inflow)						
Temp (F)	pН		DOmg/L	EC	Flow rate (cfs)		
78.1	7.76		-	-	0		
CALAVERAS	(Outflow)						
Temp (F)	pН		DOmg/L	EC	Flow rate (cfs)		
-	-		-	-	-		
VISUAL OBSE	ERVATIONS: S	ome floating alga	e on lake surfac	ce.			

III Phytoplankton

Phytoplankton Biomass 2001 New Hogan



Phytoplankton Normalized Sample Summary Army Corps of Engineers - Standard samples

Sample location: New Hogan Lake

Sample description:

Sampled on 04/02/01 by AC

Sample type: Composite Cm settled: 5.30

Species KOLISL	Species name Koliella spiculiformis	Group Chlorophytes	Units/L 18084	BioVol (mg/L) 1.441
PEDIDU	Pediastrum duplex	Chlorophytes	189	0.759
PLAGEL	Planktosphaeria gelatinosa	Chlorophytes	1887	2.711
SPHAER	Sphaerocystis schroeteri	Chlorophytes	3019	0.171
		Chlorophytes Totals:	23179	5.082
Species CHYPAR	Species name Chrysochromulina parva	Group Chrysophytes	Units/L 12056	BioVol (mg/L) 0.470
DINOSE	Dinobryon sertularia	Chrysophytes	3019	1.618
FLAGSM	Flagellates (<5µm)	Chrysophytes	126590	1.899
		Chrysophytes Totals:	141665	3.987
Species CRYPT	Species name Cryptomonas sp.	Group Cryptomonads	Units/L 19622	BioVol (mg/L) 24.695
RHODMN	Rhodomonas minuta	Cryptomonads	93435	3.737
		Cryptomonads Totals:	113057	28.432
Species MICROW	Species name Microcystis wesenbergii	Group Cyanophytes	Units/L 1698	BioVol (mg/L) 18.005
		Cyanophytes Totals:	1698	18.005
Species	Species name	Group	Units/L	BioVol (mg/L)
ASTERF	Asterionella formosa	Diatoms	943	0.896 172.020
FRAGCR MELODI	Fragilaria crotonensis Aulacosira distans	Diatoms Diatoms	98868 1132	0.524
MELOG	Aulacosira granulata	Diatoms	5849	11.097
MELOGA	Aulacosira granulata v. angustissima	Diatoms	9434	9.604
SYNDRA	Synedra radians	Diatoms	755	0.360
		Diatoms Totals:	116981	194.501
Species CERATI	Species name Ceratium hirundinella	Group Pyrrhophytes	Units/L 377	BioVol (mg/L) 13.962
		Pyrrhophytes Totals:	377	13.962
			Sample total:	263.969

Phytoplankton Normalized Sample Summary Army Corps of Engineers - Standard samples

Sample location: New Hogan Lake

Sample description:

Sampled on 08/01/01 by AC

Sample type: Composite Cm settled: 2.80

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Species ELAKGE	Species name Elaktothrix gelatinosa	Group Chlorophytes	Units/L 1071	BioVol (mg/L) 0.133
KOLISL	Koliella spiculiformis	Chlorophytes	714	0.153
MICPUS	Microactinium pusillum	Chlorophytes	10714	0.788
MONOM	Monoraphidium minutum	Chlorophytes	11410	1.152
TREUSE	Treubaria setigera	Chlorophytes	2853	0.474
	ousuna congera	Chlorophytes Totals:	26762	2.604
Species	Species name	Group	Units/L	BioVol (mg/L)
CHYPAR	Chrysochromulina parva	Chrysophytes	14263	0.556
DINOAC	Dinobryon acuminatum	Chrysophytes	714	0.052
DINOBA	Dinobryon bavaricum	Chrysophytes	714	0.066
DINODI	Dinobryon divergens	Chrysophytes	2500	0.834
FLAGSM	Flagellates (<5µm)	Chrysophytes	79872	1.198
SPINSP	Spiniferomonas sp.	Chrysophytes	5705	2.896
		Chrysophytes Totals:	103768	5.602
Species	Species name	Group	Units/L	BioVol (mg/L)
CRYPT	Cryptomonas sp.	Cryptomonads	2143	2.930
KATAOV	Kathablepharis ovalis	Cryptomonads	11410	1.974
RHODMN	Rhodomonas minuta	Cryptomonads	54199	2.168
		Cryptomonads Totals:	67752	7.072
Species	Species name	Group	Units/L	BioVol (mg/L)
MICROE	Microcystis elachista	Cyanophytes	3423094	25.673
		Cyanophytes Totals:	3423094	25.673
Species	Species name	Group	Units/L	BioVol (mg/L)
ACHNGI	Achnanthes gibberula	Diatoms	28526	9.707
CYCGLO	Cyclotella glomerata	Diatoms	54199	16.872
CYCSTE	Cyclotella stelligera	Diatoms	11410	1.050
FRAGCA	Fragilaria capucina	Diatoms	1786	2.208
FRAGCR	Fragilaria crotonensis	Diatoms	59643	103.773
RHIZOL	Rhizosolenia longiseta	Diatoms	2500	1.468
SYNACU	Synedra acus	Diatoms	357	1.117
SYNDRA	Synedra radians	Diatoms	28929	13.799
		Diatoms Totals:	187350	149.994
Species	Species name	Group	Units/L	BioVol (mg/L)
TRACSP	Trachelomonas sp.	Euglenophyta	357	2.445
		Euglenophyta Totals:	357	2.445
Species	Species name	Group	Units/L	BioVol (mg/L)
CERATI	Ceratium hirundinella	Pyrrhophytes	357	13.214
		Pyrrhophytes Totals:	357	13.214

Phytoplankton Normalized Sample Summary Army Corps of Engineers - Standard samples

Sample total: 206.604

IV Nutrient and Miscellaneous Parameters

2001 Lake Monitoring Results for Organics

Pesticides and Herbicides were discontinued in 2001 since the results from 1995 to 2000 were consistently "non-detect" and the program's current effort is to focus on MTBE and mercury levels in fish tissue.

The following tables on the next page are the 2001 Lake Monitoring Results for general Organics related to nutrients (which may cause algue blooms) and miscellanous water quality parameters which may have an adverse impact on aquatic life such as Chemical Oxygen Demand and ammonia (which may cause a fish kill).

The results in the following tables indicate no potential for signficant adverse impact.

Notes:

Alkalinity is reported as "Total Alkalinity as CaCO3" Ammonia is reported as "Ammonia as N"
Nitrate is reported as "Nitrate + Nitrate as N"
Total P is reported as "Phosphate as P. total"
Ortho P is reported as "Phosphate as P. Ortho"
Kjedahl N is reported as "Total Kjedahl Nitrogen"
COD is "Chemical Oxygen Demand"
Tot Solids is reported as "Solids, Tot"

Lake codes are as follows:

BBBlack Butte EA Eastmand ΕN Englebright HE Hensley IS Isabella KA Kaweah MC Martis Creek ME Mendocino NH New Hogan PF Pine Flat SO Sonoma

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Inorganic Results (mg/L) For surface lake waters (spring)

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	BB	EA	EN	HE	IS	KA	MC	ME	NH	PF	SO	SU
Alkalinity	120	50	40	30	60	40	60	80	70	10	70	120
Ammonia	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1
Chloride	12	20	5	18	5	<1	3	2	7	1	3	6
Nitrate	< 0.1		< 0.1	< 0.1	0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	0.2	< 0.1
Total P	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1
Ortho P	< 0.1			< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1		< 0.1	< 0.1		< 0.1
Sulfate	15	2	3.6	4	7.8	1.8	1	7	8.5	2	6	4.8
Kjeldahl N	0.3	< 0.1	< 0.1	0.3	0.3	0.2	.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3
COD		< 50		< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50			< 50		< 50
Tot Solids	180	100	70	100	100	70	100	40	110	30	99	170

Inorganic Results (mg/L) For inlet waters to the lakes (spring) (I-1 only)

	morganic resource (mg/2) rer mice waters to the rance (spring) (r r em)											
	BB	EA	EN	HE	IS	KA	MC	ME	NH	PF	SO	SU
Alkalinity	110	50	40	30	40	20	40	80	90	10	100	50
Ammonia	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	0.2
Chloride	10	15	5	19	2	<1	<1	2	9	1	4	1
Nitrate	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1
Total P		< 0.1		< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1		< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1
Ortho P	< 0.1	< 0.1		< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1
Sulfate	13	0.9	2.1	2	4.8	0.8	<1	8	12	2	10	3.3
Kjeldahl N	0.1	0.2	< 0.1	0.2	0.8	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.4
COD		< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50		< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50
Tot Solids	160	120	60	100	80	50	70	110	130	90	140	110

Inorganic Results (mg/L) For surface lake waters (summer)

	BB	EA	EN	HE	IS	KA	MC	ME	NH	PF	SO	SU
Alkalinity	130	60	40	50	50	40	80	90	80	20	<10	120
Ammonia	0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1		< 0.1	< 0.1		0.1
Chloride	20	14	<1	11	2	5	6	6	4	<1	7	8
Nitrate	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	0.2	1.4		< 0.1	0.1		0.1
Total P	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1
Ortho P	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1
Sulfate	13	1.7	2.6	1.8	4	1.5	< 0.5		9.4	1	6.4	2.9
Kjeldahl N	0.2	0.7	< 0.1	0.5	0.3	0.2	1.7		0.2	0.2		0.5
COD	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50		< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50	
Tot Solids	190	120	59	100	90	70	120	120	110	30	99	170

Inorganic Results (mg/L) For inlet waters to the lakes (summer) (I-1 only)

	BB	EA	EN	HE	IS	KA	MC	ME	NH	PF	SO	SU
Alkalinity	150	100	40		60	50		90	100	20		
Ammonia												
Chloride	15	360	<1		4	5	3	7	6	1		
Nitrate												
Total P												
Ortho P												
Sulfate	9.8	3.5	2.3		5.9	1.9		3.2		2.2		
Kjeldahl N												
COD												
Tot Solids	190	1000	60		100	90	110	120	150	40		



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ANALYTE	RESULT	R.L.	UNITS	D.F.	METHOD	ANALYZED	QC BATCH	NOTES
LAB NUMBER: B080129-5 (cont								
Nitrate + Nitrite as N Phosphate as P, Total Solids, Dissolved Solids, Total Sulfate Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen	ND ND 110. 110. 9.4 0.2	0.1 0.1 10. 10. 0.5 0.1	mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L	1 1 1 1 1	353.2 365.2 160.1 160.3 300.0 351.3	08.30.01 08.10.01 08.07.01 08.07.01 08.29.01 08.09.01	I010033NNO I010088PHO I010053TDS I010015TS I010121IC I010061TKN	
LAB NUMBER: B080129-6 SAMPLE ID: NH-SU-B SAMPLED: 01 AUG 01 10:3	30							
Arsenic, dissolved Cadmium, dissolved Calcium, dissolved Chromium, dissolved Copper, dissolved Iron, dissolved ad, dissolved Magnesium, dissolved Mercury, Trace Level Potassium, dissolved Selenium, dissolved Sodium, dissolved Zinc, dissolved	ND ND 18. ND ND ND 7.3 0.016 0.023 2. 0.001 6. ND	0.004 0.001 0.5 0.005 0.005 0.003 0.5 0.005 0.0005 1. 0.001	mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 1631 200.7 270.3 200.7	08.14.01 08.14.01 08.14.01 08.14.01 08.14.01 08.14.01 08.14.01 08.14.01 08.14.01	A010760ICP A010760ICP A010760ICP A010760ICP A010760ICP A010760ICP A010760ICP A010760ICP A010760ICP A010760ICP A010760ICP A010760ICP A010760ICP	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 2 1 3 1 1
LAB NUMBER: B080129-7 SAMPLE ID: NH-SU-1 SAMPLED: 01 AUG 01 07: Arsenic, dissolved Cadmium, dissolved Calcium, dissolved Chromium, dissolved Copper, dissolved Iron, dissolved Lead, dissolved Magnesium, dissolved	ND ND 27. ND ND ND ND ND ND	0.004 0.001 0.5 0.005 0.005 0.05 0.003	mg/L mg/L	1 1 1 1 1 1 1	200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7	08.14.01 08.14.01 08.14.01 08.14.01	A0107601CP A0107601CP A0107601CP A0107601CP A0107601CP A0107601CP A0107601CP A0107601CP	1 1 1 1 1 1 1
Manganese, dissolved Potassium, dissolved Selenium, dissolved	0.014 3. ND	0.005 1. 0.001	mg/L mg/L mg/L	1 1 1	200.7 200.7 270.3	08.14.01	A010760ICP A010760ICP A010768FIA	1 1 3

INORGANIC ANALYTICAL RESULTS

Sample Preparation on 08-09-01 using 200.2 (Filtrate)
 Sample Preparation on 08-09-01 using 1631
 Sample Preparation on 08-13-01 using 3010



INORGANIC ANALYTICAL RESULTS

LAB ORDER No.:

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ANALYTE	RESULT	R.L	UNITS	D.F	METHOD	ANALYZED	QC BATCH	NOTES
LAB NUMBER: B080129-7 (cont	inued)							
Sodium, dissolved Zinc, dissolved Solids, Suspended ALKALINITY Bicarbonate as CaCO3	10. ND ND	1. 0.02 3.	mg/L mg/L mg/L	1 1 1	200.7 200.7 160.2 310.1	08.14.01 08.14.01 08.06.01 08.06.01	A010760ICP A010760ICP B010223TSS I010035ALK	1
Hydroxide as CaCO3 Carbonate as CaCO3 Total Alkalinity as CaCO3 Chloride Solids, Dissolved Solids, Total Sulfate	ND ND 100. 6. 160. 150.	10. 10. 10. 1. 10. 10. 0.5	mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L	1 1 1	300.0 160.1 160.3 300.0	08.29.01 08.06.01 08.07.01 08.29.01	I010121IC I010052TDS I010015TS I010121IC	
LAB NUMBER: B080129-9 SAMPLE ID: NEW HOGAN AUGUS SAMPLED: 01 AUG 01 10:3		1						
cadmium, dissolved Calcium, dissolved Chromium, dissolved Chromium, dissolved Copper, dissolved Iron, dissolved Lead, dissolved Magnesium, dissolved Manganese, dissolved Potassium, dissolved Selenium, dissolved Sodium, dissolved Zinc, dissolved	ND ND 19. ND ND ND ND 7.3 0.015 2. ND 6.	0.004 0.001 0.5 0.005 0.005 0.005 0.003 0.5 0.005 1. 0.001 1.	mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 270.3 200.7 200.7	08.14.01 08.14.01 08.14.01 08.14.01 08.14.01 08.14.01 08.14.01 08.14.01 08.14.01 08.14.01 08.14.01	A010760ICP A010760ICP A010760ICP A010760ICP A010760ICP A010760ICP A010760ICP A010760ICP A010760ICP A010760ICP A010760ICP A010760ICP	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 2 1

¹⁾ Sample Preparation on 08-09-01 using 200.2 (Filtrate) 2) Sample Preparation on 08-13-01 using 3010





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ANALYTE	RESULT	R.L.	UNITS	D.F	METHOD	ANALYZED	QC BATCH	NOTES
LAB NUMBER: B040045-1 SAMPLE ID: NH-SP-S SAMPLED: 02 APR 01	11:00							
Phosphate as P, Ortho	ND	0.1	mg/L	1	365.2	04.03.01	I010026PHO	1
LAB NUMBER: B040045-2 SAMPLE ID: NH-SP-I SAMPLED: 02 APR 01	12:45							
Phosphate as P, Ortho	ND	0.1	mg/L +	1	365.2	04.03.01	I010026PH0	1

¹⁾ Sample filtered prior to analysis.



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ANALYTE	RESULT	<u>R.L.</u>	UNITS	D.F	METHOD	ANALYZED	QC BATCH	NOTES
LAB NUMBER: B080077-1 SAMPLE ID: NH-SV-S SAMPLED: 01 AUG 01 11	:00							
Phosphate as P Ortho	ND	0 1	ma/l	1	365.2	08.02.01	I010085PH0	1

¹⁾ Sample filtered prior to analysis.





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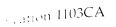
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ANALYTE	RESULT	R.L.	UNITS	D.F	METHOD	ANALYZED	QC BATCH	NOTES
LAB NUMBER: B040152-1 SAMPLE ID: NH-SP-S SAMPLED: 02 APR 01	·							
Arsenic, dissolved Cadmium, dissolved Calcium, dissolved Chromium, dissolved Copper, dissolved Iron, dissolved Lead, dissolved Magnesium, dissolved Manganese, dissolved Mercury, Trace Level Potassium, dissolved Selenium, dissolved Sodium, dissolved Zinc, dissolved Solids, Suspended ALKALINITY	ND ND 17. ND ND ND ND 6.8 J0.003 2.3 1. J0.005 5. ND	0.004 0.001 0.5 0.005 0.005 0.003 0.5 0.005 0.5 1. 0.01 1.	mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 1631 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7	04.16.01 04.16.01 04.16.01 04.16.01 04.16.01 04.16.01 04.16.01 04.16.01 04.16.01 04.16.01 04.16.01 04.16.01 04.16.01 04.16.01	A010345ICP A010345ICP A010345ICP A010345ICP A010345ICP A010345ICP A010345ICP A010345ICP A010345ICP A010345ICP A010345ICP A010345ICP B010345ICP A010345ICP	1 1 1 1 1 1 1,2 3 1 1,2 1
Bicarbonate as CaCO3	70. ND ND 70. 0.1 7. ND ND 110. 110. 8.5 0.3	10. 10. 10. 10. 0.1 1. 0.1 0.1 10. 10. 0.5	mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	350.2 300.0 353.2 365.2 160.1 160.3 300.0 351.3	04.10.01 04.24.01 04.27.01 04.10.01 04.16.01 04.24.01 04.10.01	I010018ALK I010043AMM I010055IC I010019NNO I010029PHO I010024TDS I010005TS I010005TC I010031TKN	,
LAB NUMBER: B040152-2 SAMPLE ID: NH-SP-B SAMPLED: 02 APR 01								
Mercury, Trace Level	33.	0.5	ng/L	1	1631	04.17.01	A010354MER	3

¹⁾ Sample Preparation on 04-13-01 using 200.2 (Filtrate)

²⁾ A "J" flagged result reflects a value seen below the Reporting Limit (RL), but above the Method Detection Limit (MDL).

³⁾ Sample Preparation on 04-16-01 using 1631





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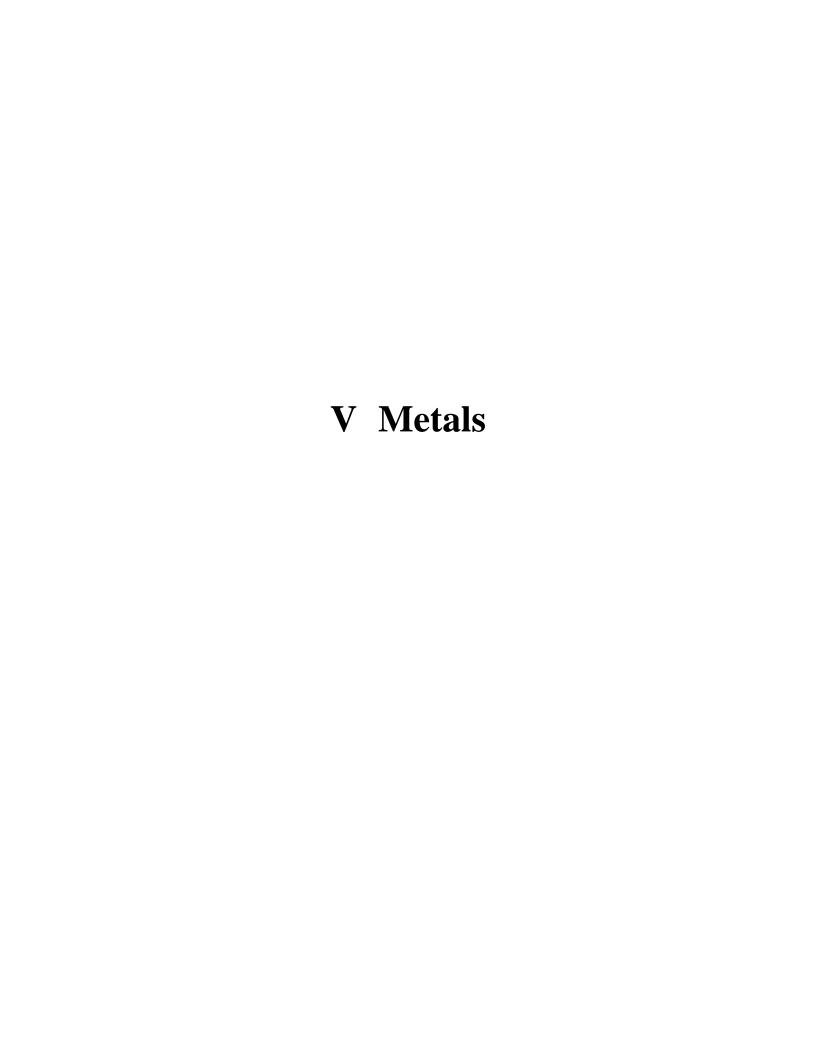
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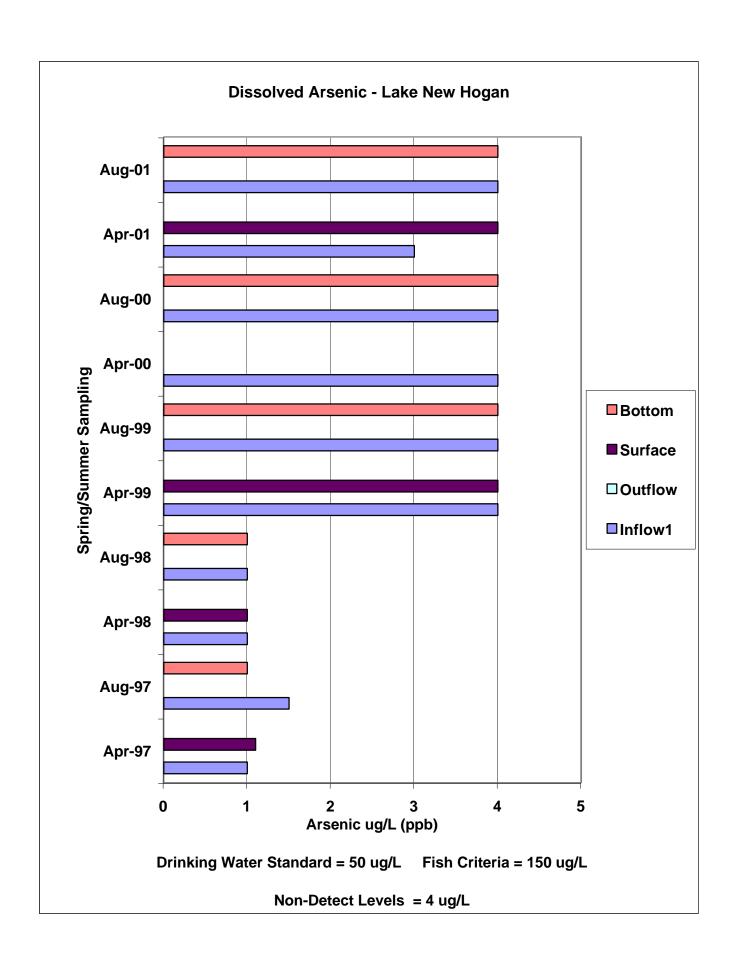
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LAB NUMBER: B040152-3 SAMPLE ID: NH-SP-I SAMPLED: 02 APR 01							•	
Arsenic, dissolved Cadmium, dissolved Chromium, dissolved Copper, dissolved Iron, dissolved Lead, dissolved Magnesium, dissolved Manganese, dissolved Potassium, dissolved Selenium, dissolved Sodium, dissolved Zinc, dissolved Chemical Oxygen Demand Solids, Suspended ALKALINITY	J0.003 ND ND ND J0.03 ND 7.5 0.013 2. J0.005 8. ND ND	0.004 0.001 0.005 0.005 0.005 0.003 0.5 0.005 1. 0.01 1. 0.02 50.	mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 210.7 210.7 210.7	04.16.01 04.16.01 04.16.01 04.16.01 04.16.01 04.16.01 04.16.01 04.16.01 04.16.01 04.16.01 04.16.01 04.16.01 04.16.01 04.10.01 04.10.01	A010345ICP A010345ICP A010345ICP A010345ICP A010345ICP A010345ICP A010345ICP A010345ICP A010345ICP A010345ICP B010345ICP B010108COD B010102TSS I010018ALK	1.2 1 1.2 1 1.2 1 1.2 1
Bicarbonate as CaCO3 droxide as CaCO3 arbonate as CaCO3 Total Alkalinity as CaCO3 Ammonia as N Chloride Nitrate + Nitrite as N Solids, Dissolved Solids, total Sulfate Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen	90. ND 90. ND 9. ND 140. 130. 12. 0.2	10. 10. 10. 10. 0.1 1. 0.1 10. 10.	mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L	1 1 1 1 1 1 1	350.2 300.0 353.2 160.1 160.3 300.0 351.3	04.10.01 04.24.01 04.27.01	I010043AMM I010055IC I010019NNO I010024TDS I010005TS I010055IC I010031TKN	
LAB NUMBER: B040152-4 SAMPLE ID: NEW HOGAN APRIL SAMPLED: 02 APR 01	SAMPLE #1							
Arsenic, dissolved Cadmium, dissolved Calcium, dissolved Chromium, dissolved Copper, dissolved Iron, dissolved Lead, dissolved Magnesium, dissolved Manganese, dissolved	ND ND 17. ND ND ND ND 6.8 J0.005	0.004 0.001 0.5 0.005 0.005 0.005 0.003 0.5 0.005	mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7	04.16.01 04.16.01 04.16.01 04.16.01 04.16.01 04.16.01	A010345ICP A010345ICP A010345ICP A010345ICP A010345ICP A010345ICP A010345ICP A010345ICP	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1,2

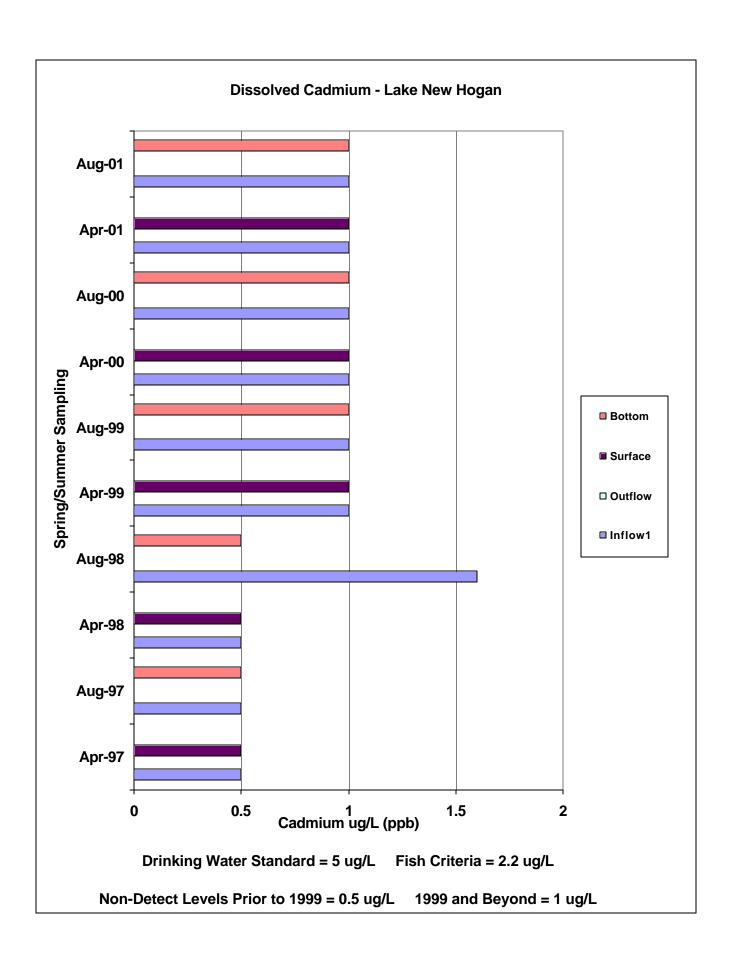
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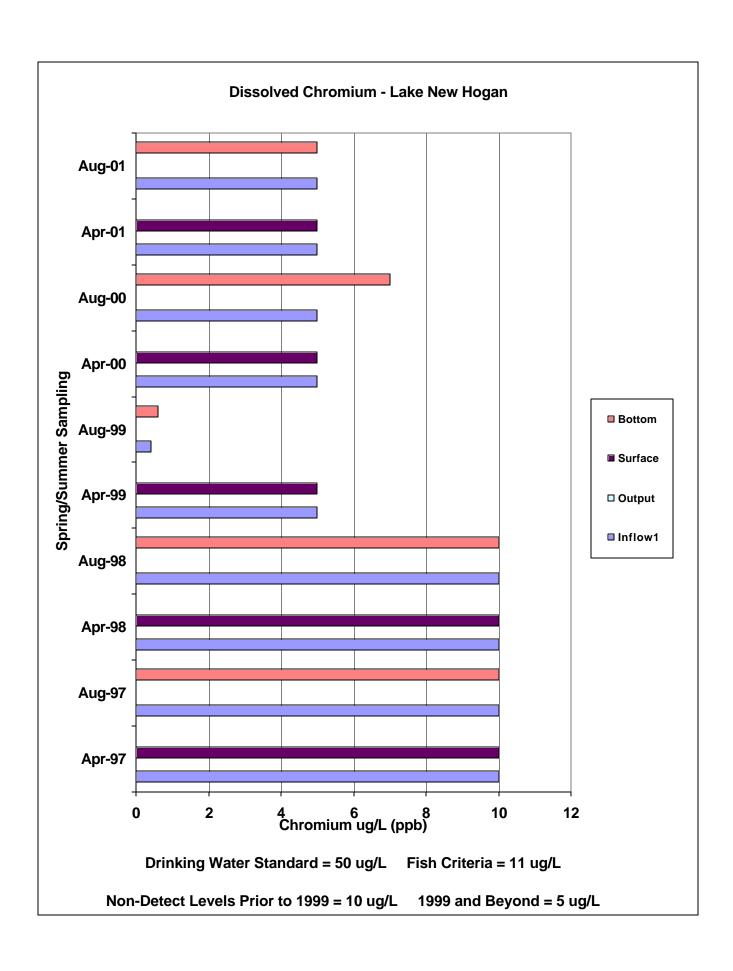
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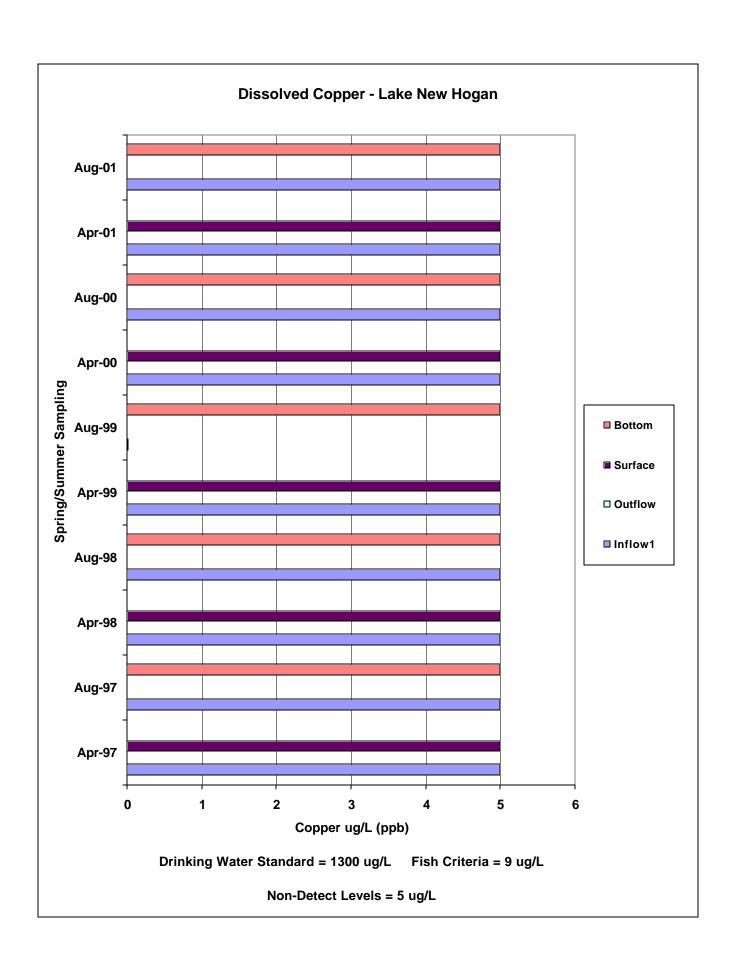


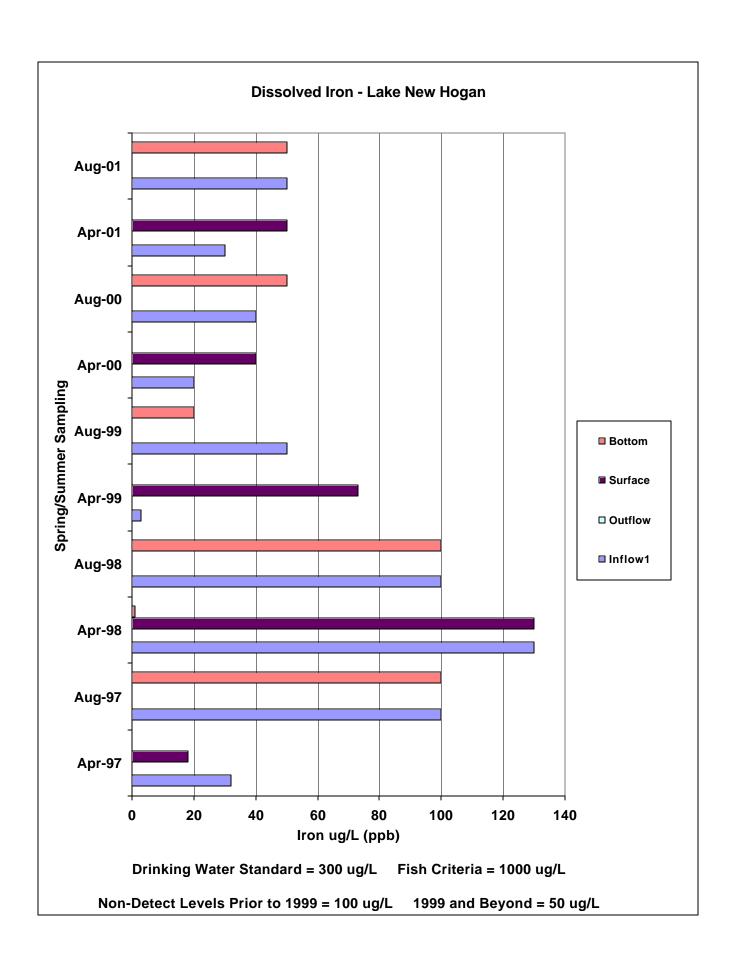


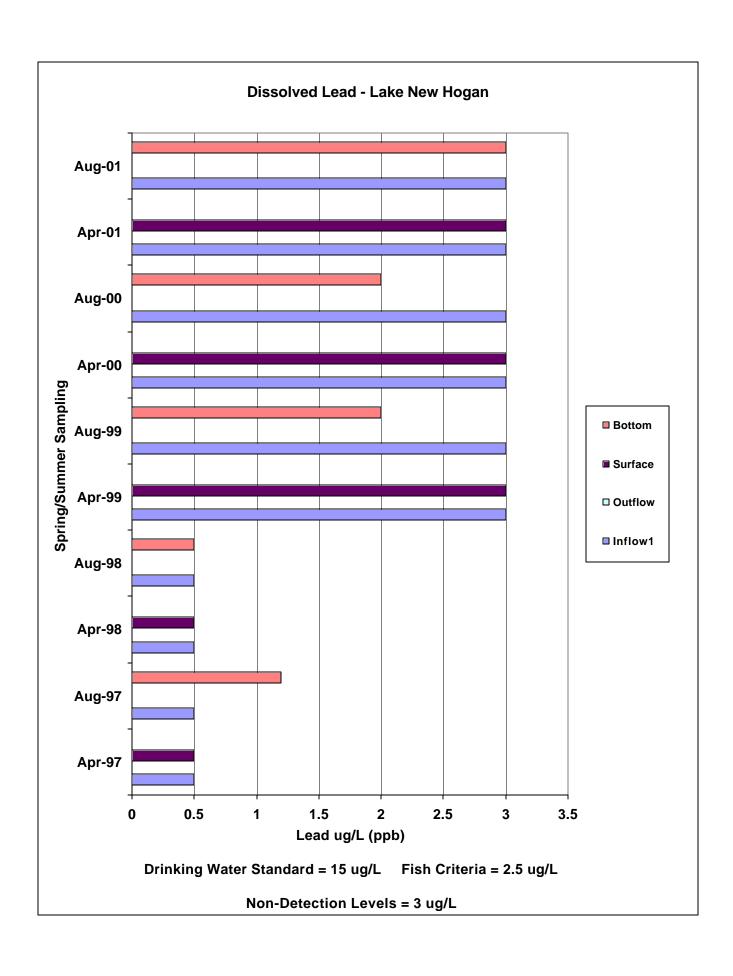


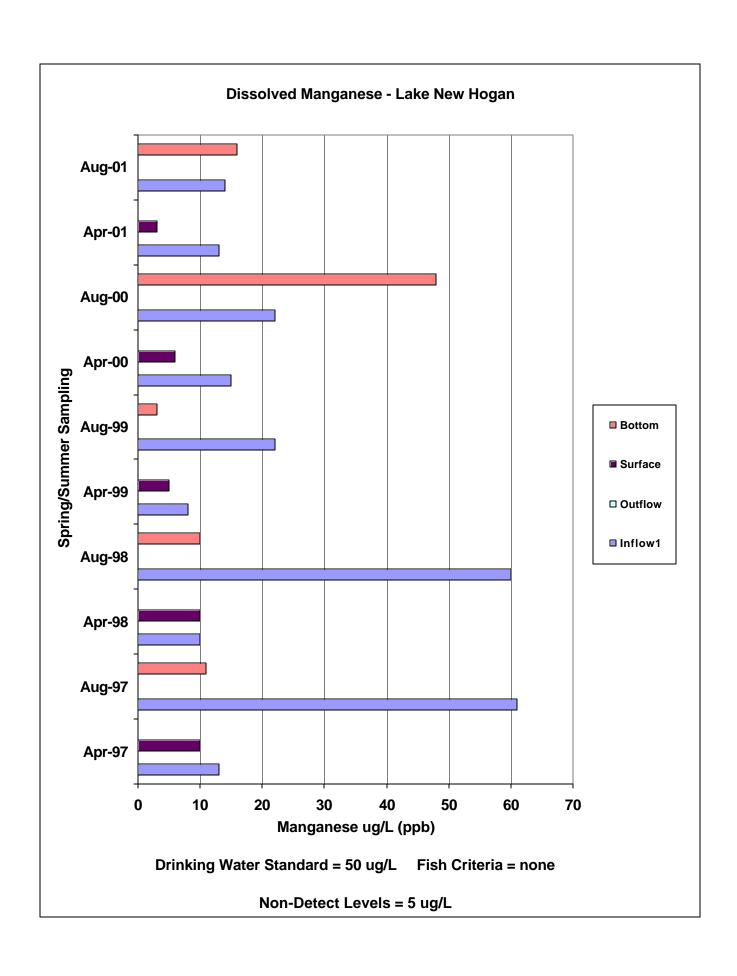


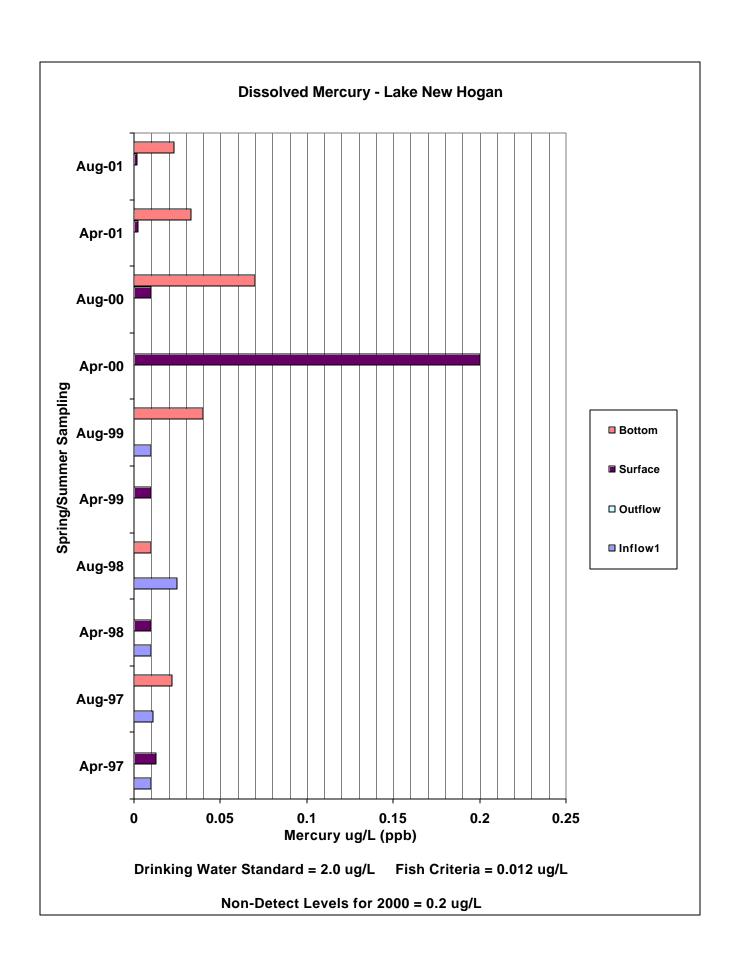


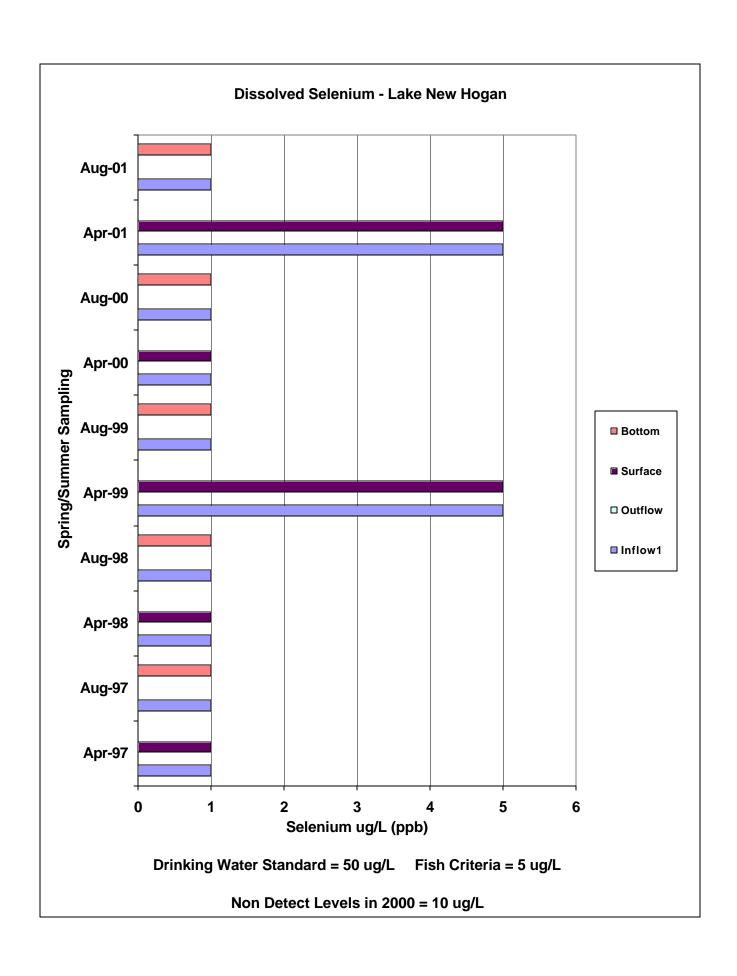


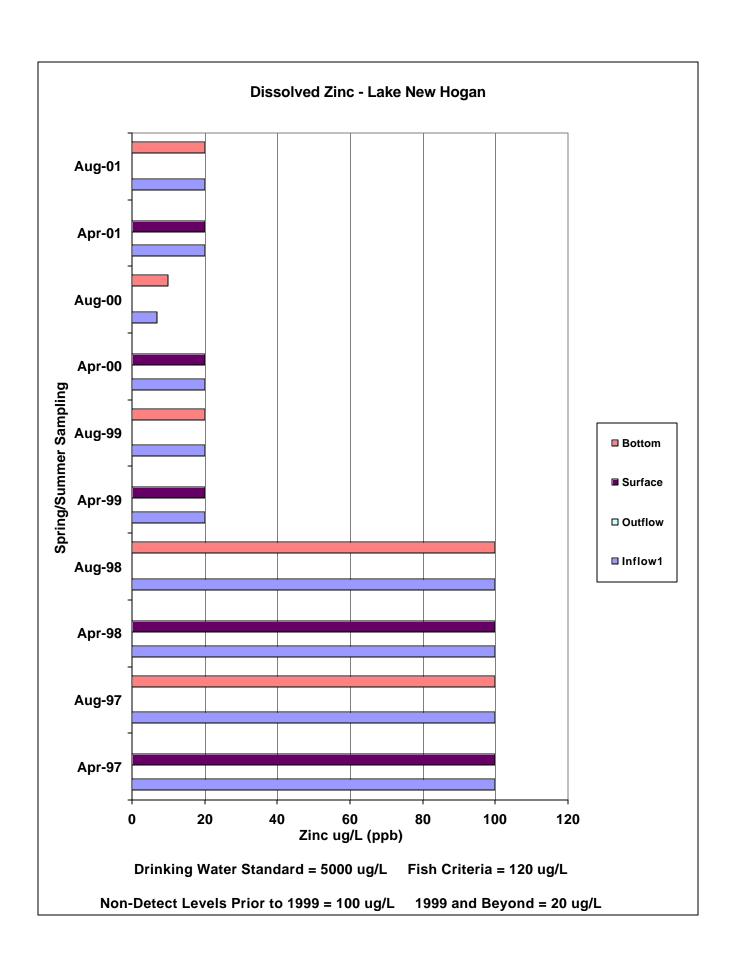














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ANALYTE	RESULT	R.L.	UNITS	D.F.	METHOD	ANALYZED	QC. BATCH	NOTES
LAB NUMBER: B040152-3 SAMPLE ID: NH-SP-I SAMPLED: 02 APR 01						7110101200	qe. 5.ws.r	
Arsenic, dissolved Cadmium, dissolved Chromium, dissolved Copper, dissolved Iron, dissolved Lead, dissolved Magnesium, dissolved Manganese, dissolved Potassium, dissolved Selenium, dissolved Sodium, dissolved Zinc, dissolved Chemical Oxygen Demand Solids, Suspended ALKALINITY	J0.003 ND ND ND J0.03 ND 7.5 0.013 2. J0.005 8. ND ND	0.004 0.001 0.005 0.005 0.005 0.003 0.5 0.005 1. 0.01 1. 0.02	mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 201.7	04.16.01 04.16.01 04.16.01 04.16.01 04.16.01 04.16.01 04.16.01 04.16.01 04.16.01 04.16.01 04.16.01 04.16.01 04.16.01 04.10.01 04.10.01	A010345ICP A010345ICP A010345ICP A010345ICP A010345ICP A010345ICP A010345ICP A010345ICP A010345ICP A010345ICP B010345ICP B010108COD B010102TSS I010018ALK	1.2 1 1 1.2 1 1 1 1.2 1
Bicarbonate as CaCO3 Hydroxide as CaCO3 Carbonate as CaCO3 Total Alkalinity as CaCO3 Ammonia as N Chloride Nitrate + Nitrite as N Solids, Dissolved Solids, total Sulfate Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen	90. ND 90. ND 9. ND 140. 130. 12. 0.2	10. 10. 10. 0.1 1. 0.1 10. 10. 0.5 0.1	mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L	1 1 1 1 1 1 1	350.2 300.0 353.2 160.1 160.3 300.0 351.3	04.10.01 04.24.01 04.27.01 04.10.01 04.16.01 04.24.01 04.10.01	I010043AMM I010055IC I010019NNO I010024TDS I010005TS I010055IC I010031TKN	
LAB NUMBER: B040152-4 SAMPLE ID: NEW HOGAN APRIL SAMPLED: 02 APR 01	. SAMPLE #1							
Arsenic, dissolved Cadmium, dissolved Calcium, dissolved Chromium, dissolved Copper, dissolved Iron, dissolved Lead, dissolved Magnesium, dissolved Manganese, dissolved	ND ND 17. ND ND ND ND 6.8 J0.005	0.004 0.001 0.5 0.005 0.005 0.005 0.003 0.5 0.005	mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7	04.16.01 04.16.01 04.16.01 04.16.01 04.16.01 04.16.01 04.16.01 04.16.01	A010345ICP A010345ICP A010345ICP A010345ICP A010345ICP A010345ICP A010345ICP A010345ICP	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1,2

Sample Preparation on 04-13-01 using 200.2 (Filtrate)
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ANALYTE	RESULT	R.L.	UNITS	D.F	METHOD	ANALYZED	QC BATCH	NOTES
LAB NUMBER: B040152-1 SAMPLE ID: NH-SP-S SAMPLED: 02 APR 01								
Arsenic, dissolved Cadmium, dissolved Calcium, dissolved Chromium, dissolved Copper, dissolved Iron, dissolved Lead, dissolved Magnesium, dissolved Manganese, dissolved Mercury, Trace Level Potassium, dissolved Selenium, dissolved Sodium, dissolved Zinc, dissolved Zinc, dissolved Solids, Suspended ALKALINITY icarbonate as CaCO3 .ydroxide as CaCO3 Carbonate as CaCO3 Total Alkalinity as CaCO3	ND ND 17. ND ND ND ND 30.003 2.3 1. J0.005 5. ND ND ND	0.004 0.001 0.5 0.005 0.005 0.003 0.5 0.005 0.01 1. 0.02 3.	mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 1631 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7	04.16.01 04.16.01 04.16.01 04.16.01 04.16.01 04.16.01 04.16.01 04.16.01 04.16.01 04.16.01 04.16.01 04.16.01 04.16.01 04.16.01	A010345ICP A010345ICP A010345ICP A010345ICP A010345ICP A010345ICP A010345ICP A010345ICP A010345ICP A010345ICP A010345ICP A010345ICP A010345ICP B010102TSS I010018ALK	1 1 1 1 1 1,2 3 1 1.2 1
Ammonia as N Chloride Nitrate + Nitrite as N Phosphate as P, Total Solids, Dissolved Solids, total Sulfate Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen	0.1 7. ND ND 110. 110. 8.5 0.3	0.1 1. 0.1 0.1 10. 10. 0.5 0.1	mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L	1 1 1 1 1 1 1	350.2 300.0 353.2 365.2 160.1 160.3 300.0 351.3	04.10.01 04.24.01 04.27.01 04.10.01 04.10.01 04.16.01 04.24.01 04.10.01	I010043AMM I010055IC I010019NNO I010029PHO I010024TDS I010005TS I010055IC I010031TKN	
LAB NUMBER: B040152-2 SAMPLE ID: NH-SP-B SAMPLED: 02 APR 01								
Mercury, Trace Level	33.	0.5	ng/L	1	1631	04.17.01	A010354MER	3



Sample Preparation on 04-13-01 using 200.2 (Filtrate)
 A "J" flagged result reflects a value seen below the Reporting Limit (RL), but above the Method Detection Limit (MDL).

³⁾ Sample Preparation on 04-16-01 using 1631



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ANALYTE	RESULT	R.L	UNITS	D.F	METHOD	ANALYZED	QC BATCH	NOTES
LAB NUMBER: B080129-5 (con	tinued)							
Nitrate + Nitrite as N Phosphate as P, Total Solids, Dissolved Solids, Total Sulfate Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen	ND ND 110. 110. 9.4 0.2	0.1 0.1 10. 10. 0.5 0.1	mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L	1 1 1 1 1 1	353.2 365.2 160.1 160.3 300.0 351.3	08.30.01 08.10.01 08.07.01 08.07.01 08.29.01 08.09.01	I010033NN0 I010088PH0 I010053TDS I010015TS I010121IC I010061TKN	
LAB NUMBER: B080129-6 SAMPLE ID: NH-SU-B SAMPLED: 01 AUG 01 10:	30							
Arsenic, dissolved Cadmium, dissolved Calcium, dissolved Chromium, dissolved Copper, dissolved Iron, dissolved Id, dissolved Manganese, dissolved Mercury, Trace Level Potassium, dissolved Selenium, dissolved Sodium, dissolved Zinc, dissolved	ND ND 18. ND ND ND ND 7.3 0.016 0.023 2: 0.001 6. ND	0.004 0.001 0.5 0.005 0.005 0.003 0.5 0.005 0.0005 1. 0.001	mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 1631 200.7 270.3 200.7 200.7	08.14.01 08.14.01 08.14.01 08.14.01 08.14.01 08.14.01 08.14.01 08.14.01 08.14.01 08.14.01 08.14.01 08.14.01	A010760ICP A010760ICP A010760ICP A010760ICP A010760ICP A010760ICP A010760ICP A010760ICP A010760ICP A010760ICP A010760ICP A010760ICP A010760ICP	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 2 1 3 1 1
LAB NUMBER: B080129-7 SAMPLE ID: NH-SU-1 SAMPLED: 01 AUG 01 07:	30							
Arsenic, dissolved Cadmium, dissolved Calcium, dissolved Chromium, dissolved Copper, dissolved Iron, dissolved Lead, dissolved Magnesium, dissolved Monganese, dissolved Potassium, dissolved Selenium, dissolved	ND ND 27. ND ND ND ND 9.0 0.014 3.	0.004 0.001 0.5 0.005 0.005 0.005 0.003 0.5 0.005	mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 270.3	08.14.01 08.14.01 08.14.01 08.14.01 08.14.01 08.14.01 08.14.01 08.14.01 08.14.01 08.14.01	A010760ICP A010760ICP A010760ICP A010760ICP A010760ICP A010760ICP A010760ICP A010760ICP A010760ICP A010768FIA	1



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2) Sample Preparation on 08-09-01 using 1631
3) Sample Preparation on 08-13-01 using 3010



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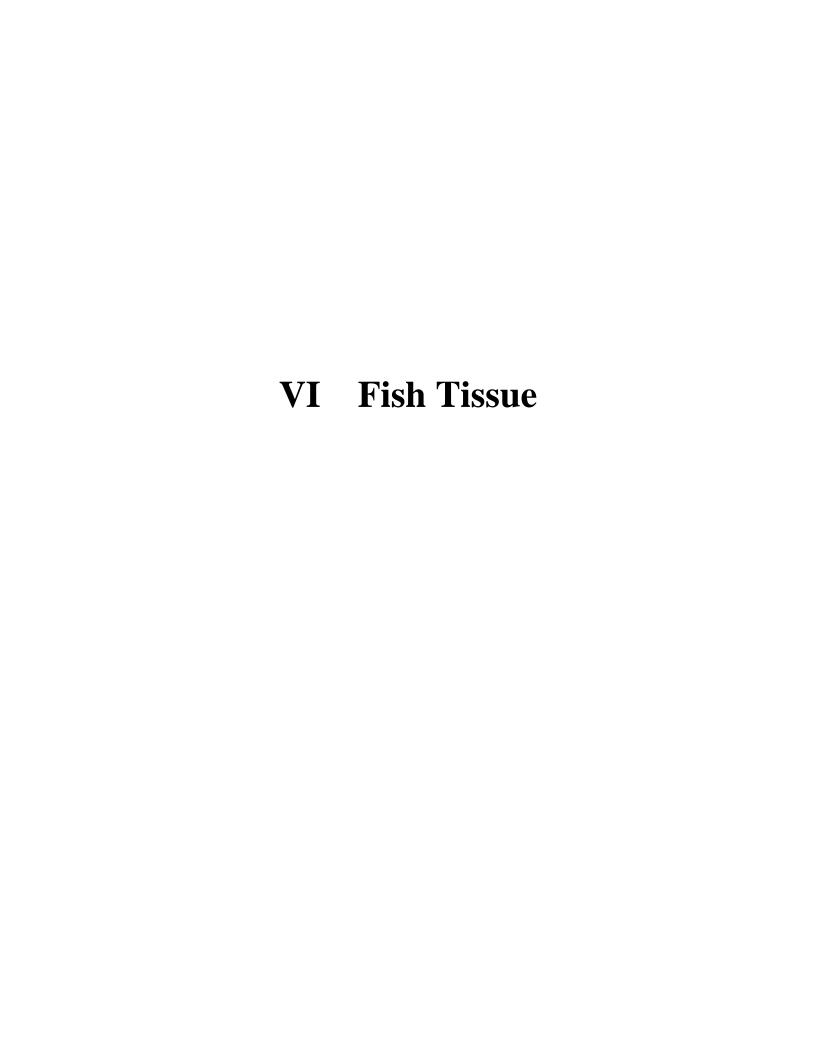
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ANALYTE	RESULT	R.L	UNITS	D.F	METHOD	ANALYZED	QC BATCH	NOTES	
LAB NUMBER: B080129-7 (continued)									
Sodium, dissolved Zinc, dissolved Solids, Suspended ALKALINITY	10. ND ND	1. 0.02 3.	mg/L mg/L mg/L	1 1 1 1	200.7 200.7 160.2 310.1	08.14.01 08.14.01 08.06.01 08.06.01	A010760ICP A010760ICP B010223TSS I010035ALK	1	
Bicarbonate as CaCO3 Hydroxide as CaCO3 Carbonate as CaCO3 Total Alkalinity as CaCO3 Chloride Solids, Dissolved Solids, Total Sulfate	100. ND 100. 6. 160. 150. 14.	10. 10. 10. 10. 1. 10. 10. 0.5	mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L	1 1 1 1	300.0 160.1 160.3 300.0	08.29.01 08.06.01 08.07.01 08.29.01	I010121IC I010052TDS I010015TS I010121IC		
LAB NUMBER: B080129-9 SAMPLE ID: NEW HOGAN AUGUS SAMPLED: 01 AUG 01 10:3		1							
senic, dissolved cadmium, dissolved Calcium, dissolved Chromium, dissolved Copper, dissolved Iron, dissolved Lead, dissolved Magnesium, dissolved Manganese, dissolved Potassium, dissolved Selenium, dissolved Sodium, dissolved Zinc, dissolved	ND ND 19. ND ND ND 7.3 0.015 2. ND 6.	0.004 0.001 0.5 0.005 0.005 0.005 0.003 0.5 0.005 1. 0.001	mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 200.7 270.3 200.7 200.7	08.14.01 08.14.01 08.14.01 08.14.01 08.14.01 08.14.01 08.14.01 08.14.01 08.14.01 08.14.01 08.14.01 08.14.01	A010760ICP A010760ICP A010760ICP A010760ICP A010760ICP A010760ICP A010760ICP A010760ICP A010760ICP A010760ICP A010760ICP A010760ICP A010760ICP	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 2 1	

Sample Preparation on 08-09-01 using 200.2 (Filtrate)
 Sample Preparation on 08-13-01 using 3010



2001 Fish Tissue Results

The following table provides an overview of the lab results for the 2001 fish tissue program. N/A indicates data is not available due to lack of fish collection. Sample Preparation, filleting and Extraction were in accordance with EPA 823-R-95-007, Sep 95, Volume 1, Section 7.2 (Guidance for Assessing Chemical Contaminant Data for Use in Fish Advisory) which requires the following: Only the edible portion of the fillet shall be analyzed (i.e no skin, tail, fin, head). Tissue digestion shall be accomplished by adding concentrated nitric acid and heating the tube in an aluminum block to reflux the acid. The digestate shall be cooled, diluted to a final volume of 25 ml and analyzed by CVAA. The laboratory conducting the preparation and analysis was Toxscan, Inc in Watsonville, CA and the laboratory mercury analysis was in accordance with CVAA per EPA 7471. The Percent Lipids were per EPA 1664. The FDA criteria for a fish advisory is 1 ppm. The EPA's action level to continue fish tissue monitoring is 0.3 ppm.

Lake	Type of Fish	Type of Analysis	Date	Percent	Total	FDA
		(number of fish)	collected	Lipids	Mercury	Criteria
Black Butte	Lg M Bass	Composite (3)	8/29/01	0.12	0.58	1 ppm
Eastman	Note 4	-	-	-	-	1 ppm
Englebright	Sm M Bass	Composite (2)	8/4/01	0.12	0.25	1 ppm
Hensley	Sm M Bass	Composite (2)	1/30/02	0.079	0.30	1 ppm
Isabella	Note 5	-	-	-	-	1 ppm
Kaweah	Blk Bass	Composite (3)	9/28/01	0.76	0.40	1 ppm
Martis Cr	Note 4	-	-	-	-	-
Mendocino	Lg M Bass	Composite (3)	9/25/01	1.4	0.34	1 ppm
New Hogan	Lg M Bass	Composite (3)	8/14/01	0.75	0.60	1 ppm
Pine Flat	Spotted Bass	Composite (3)	7/08/01	0.53	0.23	1 ppm
Sonoma	Lg M Bass	Composite (3)	11/08/01	0.058	0.43	1 ppm
Success	Blk Bass	Composite (3)	9/10/01	0.44	0.29	1 ppm

Notes:

- 1. Non-Detect is indicated by "<0.02" since the lab Detection Limit is 0.02 ppm.
- 2. Total Mercury was reported in mg/L or ppm.
- 3. Total Mercury was conducted instead of Methyl Mercury since EPA 832 allows Total Mercury analysis for an initial screening program. When specific problem areas are identified, methyl mercury analysis are normally performed later as part of the actual health risk assessment.
- 4. The fish tissue program was terminated at Eastman and Martis Creek in 2001 due to low total mercury results in 2000. In 2000, the total mercury was only 0.089 ppm for Eastman (Catfish) and the total mercury was <0.02 ppm for Martis Creek (Brown Trout).
- 5. Due to seasonal conditions, a fish could not be successfully collected at Lake Isabella. Another attempt will be accomplished for the 2002 report.

The above 2001 total mercury results indicate only New Hogan and Black Butte are relatively higher than average. However, in 2000, the total mercury results were only 0.52 ppm for New Hogan (catfish) and only 0.37 ppm for Black Butte (catfish). The 2002 fish tissue program should provide additional data. The attached EPA fact sheet on fish advisory indicates that the mean average mercury results from numerous lakes in the Northeast United States were found to be 0.46-0.51 ppm for largemouth bass and 0.34-0.53 for smallmouth bass.



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ToxScan Number: T-19716

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Project Name:

2001 Lake Monitoring

Project Number:

New Hogan Lake

Date Sampled:

August 14, 2001

Date Received:

September 11, 2001

Matrix:

Fish Tissue

Please find the enclosed test results for the parameters requested for analyses. The sample was analyzed within holding time using the following methods:

Percent Lipids by EPA Method 1664 Total Mercury by Cold Vapor AA by EPA Method 7471M

The sample was received intact and was handled with the proper chain-of-custody procedures. Appropriate QA/QC guidelines were employed during the analyses on a minimum of a 5% basis. QC results were within limits and are reported with or following the data for each analysis.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please feel free to call.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

Client:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District

ToxScan Number: T-19716

Method:

EPA Method(s) 1664

Date Completed:

9/18/2001

Matrix:

Fish Tissue

Units:

Percent

Client	ToxScan	<u>Analyte</u>	Sample	Reporting
Sample ID	<u>Lab ID</u>		<u>Value</u>	<u>Limit</u>
NH-01-08-14 F1,F2,F3 Composite	19716-04	Percent Lipids	0.75	0.10

Client: Method: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District

ToxScan Number: T-19716

EPA Method(s) 7471

Date Completed:

10/19/2001

Matrix:

Units:

Fish Tissue

mg/Kg

Total Metals

Client ToxScan Reporting Sample Sample ID **Value** Lab ID <u>Limit</u> **Analyte** NH-01-08-14 19716-04 0.60 Mercury 0.020

F1,F2,F3 Composite





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Mercury Update: Impact on Fish Advisories

Summary

Mercury is distributed throughout the environment from both natural sources and human activities. Methylmercury is the main form of organic mercury found in the environment and is the form that accumulates in both fish and human tissues. Three major episodes of methylmercury poisoning through consumption of contaminated food have occurred; these resulted in central nervous system effects such as impairment of peripheral vision, mental symptoms, loss of feeling, and, at high doses, seizures, very severe neurological impairment, and death. Methylmercury has also been shown to be a developmental toxicant, causing subtle to severe neurological effects. EPA considers there is sufficient evidence for methylmercury to be considered a developmental toxicant, to be of concern for potential human mutagenicity, and to be a possible human carcinogen (Group C). As of December 1998, 40 states have issued 1,931 fish advisories for mercury. These advisories inform the public that concentrations of mercury have been found in local fish at levels of public health concern. State advisories recommend either limiting or avoiding consumption of certain fish from specific waterbodies or, in some cases, from specific waterbody types (e.g., all freshwater lakes or rivers).

The purpose of this fact sheet is to summarize current information on sources, fate and transport, occurrence in human tissues, range of concentrations in fish tissue, fish advisories, fish consumption limits, toxicity, and regulations for mercury. The fact sheets also illustrate how this information may be used for developing fish consumption advisories. An electronic version of this fact sheet and fact sheets for dioxins/furans, PCBs, and toxaphene are available at http://www.epa.gov/OST/fish. Future revisions will be posted on the web as they become available.

Sources of Mercury in the Environment

Mercury is found in the environment in the metallic form and in different inorganic and organic forms. Most of the mercury in the atmosphere is elemental mercury vapor; most of the mercury in water, soil, plants, and animals is inorganic and organic mercury (primarily methylmercury).

Mercury occurs naturally and is distributed throughout the environment by both natural

processes and human activities. Solid waste incineration and fossil fuel combustion facilities contribute approximately 87% of the emissions of mercury in the United States. Other sources of mercury releases to the air include mining and smelting, industrial processes involving the use of mercury such as chlor-alkali production facilities and production of cement.

Mercury is released to surface waters from naturally occurring mercury in rocks and soils and from industrial activities, including pulp and paper mills, leather tanning, electroplating, and chemical manufacturing. Wastewater treatment facilities may also release mercury to water. An indirect source of mercury to surface waters is mercury in the air; it is deposited from rain and other processes directly to water surfaces and to soils. Mercury also may be mobilized from sediments if disturbed (e.g., flooding, dredging).

Sources of mercury in soil include direct application of fertilizers and fungicides and disposal of solid waste, including batteries and thermometers, to landfills. The disposal of municipal incinerator ash in landfills and the application of sewage sludge to crop land result in increased levels of mercury in soil. Mercury in air may also be deposited in soil and sediments.

Fate and Transport of Mercury

The global cycling of mercury is a complex process. Mercury evaporates from soils and surface waters to the atmosphere, is redeposited on land and surface water, and then is absorbed by soil or sediments. After redeposition on land and water, mercury is commonly volatilized back to the atmosphere as a gas or as adherents to particulates.

Mercury exists in a number of inorganic and organic forms in water. Methylmercury, the most common organic form of mercury, quickly enters the aquatic food chain. In most adult fish, 90% to 100% of the mercury is methylmercury. Methylmercury is found primarily in the fish muscle (fillets) bound to proteins.

Skinning and trimming the fish does not significantly reduce the mercury concentration in the fillet, nor is it removed by cooking processes. Because moisture is lost during cooking, the concentration of mercury after cooking is actually higher than it is in the fresh uncooked fish.

Concentrations of total mercury in fish at the top of the food chain, such as pike, shark, and swordfish, are approximately 10,000 to 100,000 times higher than the concentrations of inorganic mercury found in the surrounding waters. The bioconcentration factor (BCF) of methylmercury in fish is on the order of 3 million. The bioaccumulation of methylmercury is even greater. Methylmercury levels in predator fish are, on average, approximately 7 million times higher than the concentrations of dissolved methylmercury found in the surrounding waters.

In 1984 and 1985, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service collected 315 composite samples of whole fish from 109 stations nationwide as part of the National Contaminant Biomonitoring Program (NCBP). The maximum, geometric mean, and 85th percentile concentrations for mercury were 0.37, 0.10, and 0.17 ppm (wet weight), respectively. An analysis of mercury levels in tissues of bottom-feeding and predatory fish using the data

from the NCBP study showed that the mean mercury tissue concentration of 0.12 ± 0.08 ppm in predatory fish species (e.g., trout, walleye, largemouth bass) was significantly higher than the mean tissue concentration of 0.08 ± 0.06 ppm in bottom feeders (e.g., carp, white sucker, and channel catfish).

Mercury, the only metal analyzed as part of EPA's 1987 National Study of Chemical Residues in Fish (NSCRF), was detected at 92% of 374 sites surveyed. Maximum, arithmetic mean, and median concentrations in fish tissue were 1.77, 0.26, and 0.17 ppm (wet weight), respectively. Mean mercury concentrations in bottom feeders (whole body samples) were generally lower than concentrations for predator fish (fillet samples) (see Table 1). Most of the higher tissue concentrations of mercury were detected in freshwater fish samples collected in the Northeast.

Most recently, the northeast states and eastern Canadian provinces issued their own mercury study, including a comprehensive analysis of mercury concentrations in a variety of freshwater sportfish collected from the late 1980s to 1996. Top level predatory fish such as walleye, chain pickerel, and large and smallmouth bass were typically found to exhibit the highest concentrations, with mean tissue residues greater than 0.5 ppm and maximum residues exceeding 2 ppm. One largemouth bass sample was found to contain 8.94 ppm of mercury, while a smallmouth bass sampled contained 5 ppm. Table 2 summarizes the range and the mean concentrations found in eight species of sportfish sampled.

Mercury has also been detected in marine fish species. Concentrations of methylmercury in muscle tissue in nine species of Atlantic shark averaged 0.88 μ g/g (ppm) (wet weight) and ranged from 0.06 to 2.87 μ g/g (ppm). Bluefin tuna from the northwest Atlantic Ocean contained mercury at a mean muscle concentration of 3.41 μ g/g (ppm)(dry weight).

Table 1. Mean Mercury Concentration in Freshwater Fish*

Species	Mean concentration (ppm)**
Bottom Feeders	
Carp	0.11
White sucker	0.11
Channel catfish	0.09
Predator Fish	
Largemouth bass	0.46
Smallmouth bass	0.34
Walleye	0.52
Brown trout	0.14

^{*}EPA National Study of Chemical Residues in Fish conducted in 1987; species included freshwater, estuarine, and marine finfish; and a small number of marine shellfish.

Source: Bahnick et al., 1994

^{**}Concentration are reported on wet weight basis

Table 2. Mercury Concentration for Selected Fish Species in the Northeast

Species	Mean concentration* (ppm)	Minimum-maximum range* (ppm)
Largemouth bass	0.51	0-8.94
Smallmouth bass	0.53	0.08-5.0
Yellow perch	0.40	0-3.15
Eastern chain pickerel	0.64	0-2.81
Lake trout	0.32	0-2.70
Walleye	0.77	0.10-2.04
Brown bullhead	0.20	0-1.10
Brook trout	0.26	0-0.98

^{*}Concentration are reported on a wet weight basis.

Source: NESCAUM, 1998.

Because of the higher cost of methylmercury analysis, EPA recommends that total mercury rather than methylmercury concentrations be determined in state fish contaminant monitoring programs. EPA also recommends that the conservative assumption be made that all mercury is present as methylmercury in order to be most protective of human health.

Potential Sources of Exposure and Occurrence in Human Tissues

Potential sources of human exposure to mercury include food contaminated with mercury, inhalation of mercury vapors in ambient air, and exposure to mercury through dental and medical treatments. Dietary intake is by far the most important source of exposure to mercury for the general population. Fish and other seafood products are the main source of methylmercury in the diet; studies have shown that methylmercury concentrations in fish and shellfish are approximately 10 to 100 times greater than in other foods, including cereals, potatoes, vegetables, fruits, meats, poultry, eggs, and milk.

Individuals who may be exposed to higher than average levels of methylmercury include recreational and subsistence fishers who routinely consume large amounts of locally caught fish and subsistence hunters who routinely consume the meat and organ tissues of marine mammals.

Analytical methods are available to measure mercury in blood, urine, tissue, hair, and breast milk.

Fish Advisories

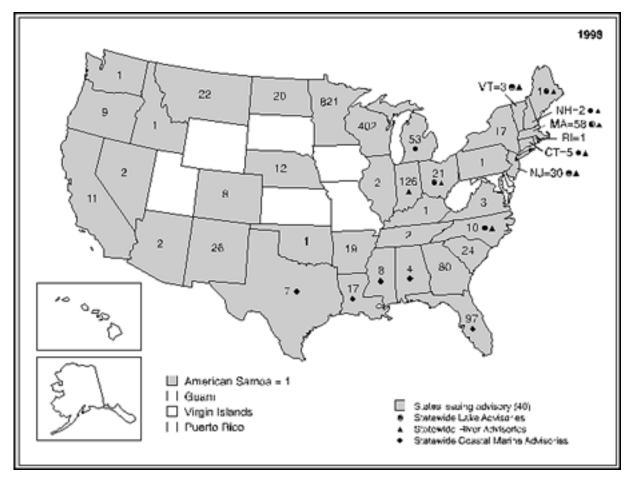
The states have primary responsibility for protecting their residents from the health risks of consuming contaminated noncommercially caught fish. They do this by issuing consumption advisories for the general population, including recreational and subsistence fishers, as well as sensitive subpopulations (such as pregnant women/fetus, nursing

mothers and their infants, and children). These advisories inform the public that high concentrations of chemical contaminants, such as mercury, have been found in local fish. The advisories recommend either limiting or avoiding consumption of certain fish from specific waterbodies or, in some cases, from specific waterbody types (such as lakes or rivers).

As of December 1998, mercury was the chemical contaminant responsible, at least in part, for the issuance of 1,931 fish consumption advisories by 40 states, including the U.S. territory of American Samoa. Almost 68% of all advisories issued in the United States are a result of mercury contamination in fish and shellfish. Advisories for mercury have increased steadily, by 115% from 899 advisories in 1993 to 1,931 advisories in 1998. The number of states that have issued mercury advisories also has risen steadily from 27 states in 1993 to 40 states in 1997, and remains at 40 states for 1998. Advisories for mercury increased nearly 8% from 1997 (1,782 advisories) to 1998 (1,931 advisories).

Ten states have issued statewide advisories for mercury in their freshwater lakes and/or rivers: Connecticut, Indiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, and Vermont. Another five Gulf Coast states (Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas) have statewide mercury advisories in effect for their coastal marine waters. To date, 90% of the 1,931 mercury advisories in effect have been issued by the following 11 states; Minnesota (821), Wisconsin (402), Indiana (126), Florida (97), Georgia (80), Massachusetts (58), Michigan (53), New Jersey (30), New Mexico (26), South Carolina (24), and Montana (22). Figure 1 shows the total number of fish advisories for mercury in each state in 1998.

Figure 1. Fish Advisories for Mercury



Fish Consumption Limits—EPA indicated in the Mercury Study Report to Congress (U.S. EPA, 1997) that the typical U.S. consumer was not in danger of consuming harmful levels of methylmercury from fish and was not advised to limit fish consumption on the basis of mercury content. This advice is appropriate for typical consumers who eat less than 10 grams of fish and shellfish per day with mercury concentrations averaging between 0.1 and 0.15 ppm, which are typical for most species of commercially obtained fish. At these rates of fish intake, methylmercury exposures are considerably less than the interim reference dose (RfD) of 1 x 10⁻⁴ mg/kg-d. However, eating more fish than is typical or eating fish that are more contaminated, can increase the risk to a developing fetus.

Two groups of women of childbearing age are of concern: (1) those who eat more than 10 grams of fish a day and (2) those who eat fish with higher methylmercury levels. Ten grams of fish is a little over one-quarter cup of tuna per week or about one fish sandwich per week. Based on diet surveys, 10% of women of childbearing age eat five times or more fish than does the average consumer. If the fish have average mercury concentrations of 0.1 to 0.15 ppm, the women's mercury exposures range from near or slightly over the interim RfD to about twice the interim RfD.

The second group of women of concern are those who eat fish with higher mercury concentrations (e.g., 0.5 ppm and higher). Examples of fish with above average mercury levels are king mackerel, various bass species, orange roughy, pike, swordfish, shark and freshwater fish from contaminated waters. Even women eating average amounts of fish (i.e., <10 g/d) have mercury exposures near the interim RfD, if the mercury concentration

is 0.5 ppm. If women eat these fish species and their average fish intake is between 40 and 70 grams/day (or about a quarter cup per day), their mercury exposures would range from three to six times the interim RfD. Consumers who eat fish with 1 ppm mercury (e.g., swordfish and shark) at the level of 40 to 70 g/d have intakes that range from 6 to nearly 12 times the interim RfD.

Some women of childbearing age in certain ethnic groups (Asians, Pacific Islanders, and Native Americans) eat much more fish than the general population. Because of the higher amounts of fish in their diets, women in these ethnic groups need to be aware of the level of mercury in the fish they eat.

The RfD is not a "bright line" between safety and toxicity; however, there is progressively greater concern about the likelihood of adverse effects above this level. Consequently, people are advised to consume fish in moderate amounts and be aware of the amount of mercury in the fish they eat.

For sensitive populations, such as pregnant women, nursing mothers, and young children, some states have issued either "no consumption" advisories or "restricted consumption" advisories for methyl-mercury. Additional information on calculating specific limits for these sensitive populations is available in EPA's Guidance for Assessing Chemical Contaminant Data for Use in Fish Advisories, Volume 2, Section 3.

Table 3 shows the recommended monthly fish consumption limits for methylmercury in fish for fish consumers based on EPA's default values for risk assessment parameters. Consumption limits have been calculated as the number of allowable fish meals per month based on the ranges of methylmercury in the consumed fish tissue. The following assumptions were used to calculate the consumption limits:

- O Consumer adult body weight of 72 kg
- O Average fish meal size of 8 oz (0.227 kg)
- O Time-averaging period of 1 mo (30.44 d)
- O EPA's interim reference dose for methylmercury (1x10⁻⁴ mg/kg-d) from EPA's
- o Integrated Risk Information System (U.S. EPA, 1999c).

For example, when methylmercury levels in fish tissue are 0.4 ppm, then two 8-oz. meals per month can safely be consumed.

Table 3. Monthly Fish Consumption Limits for Methylmercury

Risk-based consumption limit	Noncancer health endpoints
Fish meals/month	Fish tissue concentrations (ppm, wet weight)
16	> 0.03–0.06
12	> 0.06–0.08
8	> 0.08–0.12
4	> 0.12–0.24

3	> 0.24–0.32
2	> 0.32–0.48
1	> 0.48–0.97
0.5	> 0.97–1.9
None (<0.5)*	> 1.9

^{*}None = No consumption recommended.

NOTE: In cases where >16 meals per month are consumed, refer to EPA's *Guidance for Assessing Chemical Contaminant Data for Use in Fish Advisories*, Volume 2, Section 3 for methods to determine safe consumption limits.

Toxicity of Mercury

Pharmacokinetics—Methylmercury is rapidly and nearly completely absorbed from the gastrointestinal tract; 90% to 100% absorption is estimated. Methylmercury is somewhat lipophilic, allowing it to pass through lipid membranes of cells and facilitating its distribution to all tissues, and it binds readily to proteins. Methylmercury binds to amino acids in fish muscle tissue.

The highest methylmercury levels in humans are generally found in the kidneys. Methylmercury in the body is considered to be relatively stable and is only slowly transformed to form other forms of mercury. Methylmercury readily crosses the placental and blood/brain barriers. Estimates for its half-life in the human body range from 44 to 80 days.

Excretion of methylmercury is via the feces, urine, and breast milk. Methylmercury is also distributed to human hair and to the fur and feathers of wildlife; measurement of mercury in hair and these other tissues has served as a useful biomonitor of contamination levels.

Acute Toxicity—Acute high-level exposures to methylmercury may result in impaired central nervous system function, kidney damage and failure, gastrointestinal damage, cardiovascular collapse, shock, and death. The estimated lethal dose is 10 to 60 mg/kg.

Chronic Toxicity—Although both elemental mercury and methylmercury produce a variety of health effects at relatively high exposures, neurotoxicity is the effect of greatest concern. This is true whether exposure occurs to the developing embryo or fetus during pregnancy or to adults and children. Human exposure to methylmercury has generally been through consumption of contaminated food. Two major episodes of methylmercury poisoning through fish consumption have occurred. The first occurred in the early 1950s among people, fish consuming domestic animals such as cats, and wildlife living near Minamata City on the shores of Minamata Bay, Kyushu, Japan. The source of the methylmercury contamination was effluent from a chemical factory that used mercury as a catalyst and discharged wastes into the bay where it accumulated in fish and shellfish that were a dietary staple of this population. Average fish consumption was reported to be in excess of 300 g/d, 20 times greater than is typical for recreational fishers in the United States.

By comparison, about 3% to 5% of U.S. consumers routinely eat 100 grams of fish per day. Among women of childbearing age, 3% routinely eat 100 grams of fish per day.

In 1965, another methylmercury poisoning incident occurred in the area of Niigata, Japan. The signs and symptoms of the disease in Niigata were similar to those of methylmercury poisoning in Minamata.

Symptoms of Minamata disease in children and adults included: impairment of peripheral vision, disturbances in sensations ("pins and needles" feelings, numbness) usually in the hands and feet and sometimes around the mouth; incoordination of movements; impairment of speech, hearing, and walking; and mental disturbances. It sometimes took several years before individuals were aware that they were developing the signs and symptoms of methylmercury poisoning. Over the years, it became clear that nervous system damage could occur to a fetus whose mother ate fish contaminated with methylmercury during the pregnancy.

Methylmercury poisoning also occurred in Iraq following consumption of seed grain that had been treated with a fungicide containing methylmercury. The first outbreak occurred prior to 1960; the second occurred in the early 1970s. Imported mercury-treated seed grains that arrived after the planting season were ground into flour and baked into bread. Unlike the long-term exposures in Japan, the epidemic of methylmercury poisoning in Iraq was short in duration lasting approximately 6 months. The signs and symptoms of disease in Iraq were predominantly in the nervous system: difficulty with peripheral vision or blindness, sensory disturbances, incoordination, impairment of walking, and slurred speech. Both children and adults were affected. Infants born to mothers who had consumed methylmercury contaminated grain (particularly during the second trimester of pregnancy) showed nervous system damage even though the mother was only slightly affected.

Recent studies have examined populations that are exposed to lower levels of methylmercury as a consequence of routine consumption of fish and marine mammals including studies of populations around the Great Lakes and in New Zealand, the Amazon basin, the Seychelles Islands, and the Faroe Islands. The last two studies are of large populations of children presumably exposed to methylmercury in utero. Very sensitive measures of developmental neurotoxicity in these populations are still being analyzed and published. A recent workshop discussed these studies and concluded that they have provided valuable new information on the potential health effects of methylmercury. Significant uncertainties remain, however, because of issues related to exposure, neurobehavioral endpoints, confounders and statistics, and study design.

Developmental Toxicity—Data are available on developmental effects in rats, mice, guinea pigs, hamsters, and monkeys. Also, convincing data from a number of human studies (i.e., Minamata, Iraq) indicate that methylmercury causes subtle to severe neurologic effects depending on dose and individual susceptibility. EPA considers methylmercury to have sufficient human and animal data to be classified as a developmental toxicant.

Methylmercury accumulates in body tissue; consequently, maternal exposure occurring prior to pregnancy can contribute to the overall maternal body burden and result in exposure to the developing fetus. In addition, infants may be exposed to methyl-mercury through breast milk. Therefore, it is advisable to reduce methylmercury exposure to women with childbearing potential to reduce overall body burden (see Fish Consumption Limits section).

Mutagenicity—Methylmercury appears to be clastogenic but not to be a point mutagen; that is, mercury causes chromosome damage but not small heritable changes in DNA.

EPA has classified methylmercury as being of high concern for potential human germ cell mutagenicity. The absence of positive results in a heritable mutagenicity assay keeps methylmercury from being included under the highest level of concern. The data on mutagenicity are not sufficient, however, to permit estimation of the amount of methylmercury that would cause a measurable mutagenic effect in the human population.

Carcinogenicity—Experimental animal data suggest that methylmercury may be tumorigenic in animals. Chronic dietary exposures of mice to methylmercury resulted in significant increases in the incidences of kidney tumors in males but not in females. The tumors were seen only at toxic doses of methylmercury. Three human studies have been identified that examined the relationship between methylmercury exposure and cancer. There was no persuasive evidence of increased carcinogenicity attributable to methylmercury exposure in any of these studies. Interpretation of these studies was limited by poor study design and incomplete descriptions of methodology and/or results. EPA has not calculated quantitative carcinogenic risk values for methylmercury. EPA has found methylmercury to have inadequate data in humans and limited evidence in animals, and has classified it as a possible human carcinogen, Group C.

All of the carcinogenic effects in animals were observed in the presence of profound damage to the kidneys. Tumors may be formed as a consequence of repair in the damaged organs. Evidence points to a mode of action for methylmercury carcinogenicity that operates at high doses certain to produce other types of toxicity in humans. Given the levels of exposure most likely to occur in the U.S. population, even among consumers of large amounts of fish, methylmercury is not likely to present a carcinogenic risk.

Summary of EPA Health Benchmarks

- Chronic Toxicity–Interim Reference Dose: 1x10⁻⁴ mg/kg-d (U.S. EPA, 1999c)
- Carcinogenicity: No carcinogenic risk values calculated

Special Susceptibilities—The developing fetus is at greater risk from methylmercury exposure than are adults. Data on children exposed only after birth are insufficient to determine if this group has increased susceptibility to the adverse central nervous system effects of methylmercury. In addition, children are considered to be at increased risk of methylmercury exposure by virtue of their greater food consumption as a percentage of body weight (mg food/kg body weight) compared to adult exposures. Additional risk from higher mercury ingestion rates may also result from the apparent decreased ability of children's bodies to eliminate mercury.

Interactive Effects—Potassium dichromate and atrazine may increase the toxicity of mercury, although these effects have been noted only with metallic and inorganic mercury. Ethanol increases the toxicity of methylmercury in experimental animals. Vitamins D and E, thiol compounds, selenium, copper, and possibly zinc are antagonistic to the toxic effects of mercury.

Critical Data Gaps—Additional data are needed on the exposure levels at which humans experience subtle, but persistent, adverse neurological effects. Data on immunologic effects and reproductive effects are not sufficient for evaluation of low-dose methylmercury toxicity for these endpoints.

EPA Regulations and Advisories

- Maximum Contaminant Level in drinking water = 0.002 mg/L
- Toxic Criteria for those States Not Complying with CWA Section 303(c)(2)(B) criterion concentration for priority toxic pollutants:
 - Freshwater: maximum = 2.10 μg/L, continuous = 0.012 μg/L
 - Saltwater: maximum = 1.80 μg/L, continuous
 = 0.025 μg/L
 - Human health consumption of water and organisms = $0.14 \mu g/L$
 - Human health consumption of organisms only = $0.15 \mu g/L$.
- Water Quality Guidance for the Great Lakes System
 protection of aquatic life in ambient water:

- acute water quality criteria for mercury total recoverable: maximum = 1.694 μg/L
- chronic water quality criteria for mercury total recoverable: continuous = 0.908 μg/L
- water quality criteria for protection of human health, drinking water and nondrinking water: maximum = 1.8 x 10⁻³ μg/L
- water quality criteria for protection of human health (mercury including methylmercury) = 1.3 x 10⁻³ μg/L.
- Listed as a hazardous air pollutant under Section 112 of the Clean Air Act
- Emissions from mercury ore processing facilities and mercury chlor-alkali plants = 2,300 g maximum/24 h
- Emissions from sludge incineration plants, sludge drying plants, or a combination of these that process wastewater treatment plant sludge = 3,200 g maximum/24 h
- Ban of phenylmercuric acetate as a fungicide in interior and exterior latex paints
- Reportable quantities: Mercury, mercuric cyanide = 1 lb; mercuric nitrate, mercuric sulfate, mercuric thiocyanate, mercurous nitrate, mercury fulminate = 10 lb; phenylmercury acetate = 100 lb.
- Listed as a hazardous substance: Mercuric cyanide, mercuric nitrate, mercuric sulfate, mercuric thiocyanate, mercurous nitrate
- Reporting threshold for Toxic Release Inventory (proposed) = 10 lb

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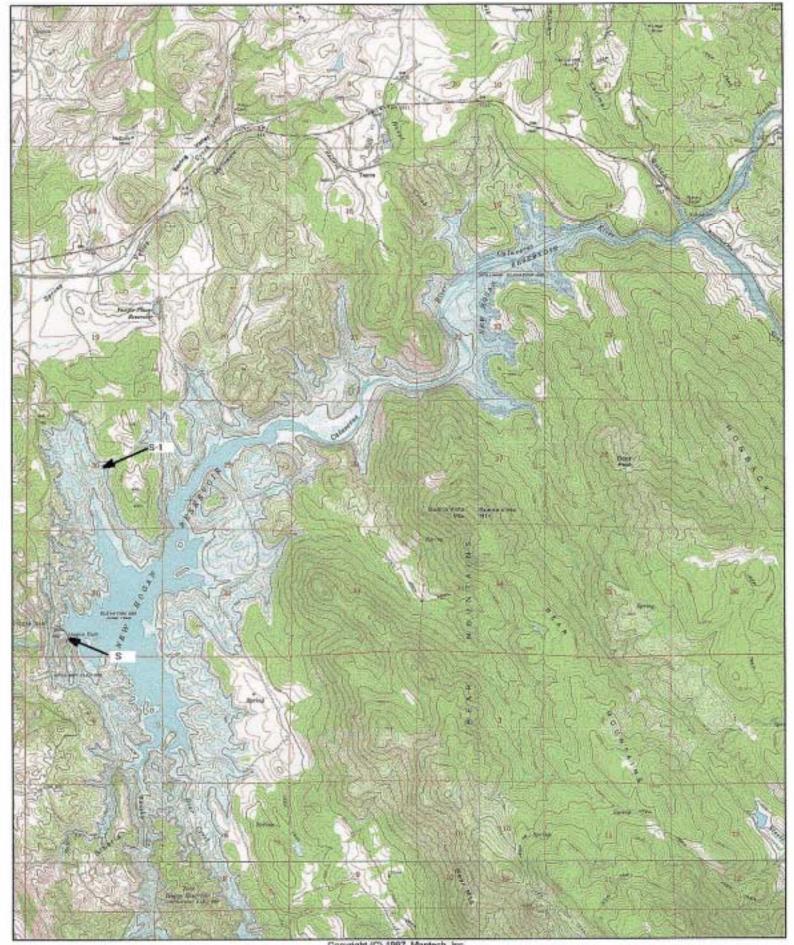
2001 MTBE Results Units are ug/L (ppb)

The following table provides an overview of the lab results for the 2001 MTBE monitoring program.

Lake	Spring	Spring	Spring	Spring	Summer	Summer	Summer	Summer	Remarks
	S	S-1	S-M	S-C	S	S-1	S-M	S-C	
Black Butte	<2		<2		<2		<2		No MTBE
Eastman	0.4				3				
Englebright	<2	<2	<2	<2	<2		<2	<2	No MTBE
Hensley	1.5		1.7		2		3		
Isabella	1.4	1.3	18	8.0	3	3	3	3	Note 8
Kaweah	3		3	1.7	4		6	6	
Martis Cr.	<2				<2				No MTBE
Mendocino	<2				<2				No MTBE
New Hogan	<2				<2				No MTBE
Pine Flat	0.9		1		2		2		
Sonoma	1.9		1.6		<2		2		
Success	4		5	4	4	4	5	4	

Notes:

- 1. Non-Detect is indicated by "<2" since the Reporting Limit is 2 ppb or 0.002 ppm.
- 2. No enforceable acceptance criteria has been established for MTBE. See EPA Fact sheet.
- 3. Maps are provided to illustrate the sampling locations for samples: S / S-1, S-M, and S-C. Sample S and sample S1 are located near the dam; sample S-M is located within 50 ft of the Marina; and sample S-C is located near the center of the lake.
- 4. For 2001, the number of MTBE water sampling at each lake is based on last year's lab results.
- 5. 2 samples were taken from Eastman, Martis Creek, Mendocino, and New Hogan because MTBE was non-detectable for 2000. The 2001 results of non-detectable levels were similar except Lake Eastman now reported detectable levels of MTBE.
- 6. 4 samples were taken from Black Butte, Hensley, Pine Flat and Sonoma because relatively low detectable levels was found for 2000. The 2001 results were similar except Black Butte now reported non-detectible levels.
- 7. 6 to 8 samples were taken from Englebright, Isabella, Kaweah and Success because relatively higher MTBE was found for 2000. The 2001 results were similar except Englebright now reported non-detectible levels.
- 8. Very high MTBE was reported at Lake Isabella during the Spring for 2 straight years. During Spring 2000, Lake Isabella reported 21 ug/L. The 2001 results indicated that the high MTBE is restricted near the marina and during the Spring only. An on-site investigation will be conducted this Spring at Lake Isabella to determine the cause.



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FACT SHEET

Drinking Water Advisory: Consumer Acceptability Advice and Health Effects Analysis on Methyl Tertiary-Butyl Ether (MtBE)

The Advisory

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Water is issuing an Advisory on methyl tertiary-butyl ether (MtBE)in drinking water. This Advisory provides guidance to communities exposed to drinking water contaminated with MtBE. This document supersedes any previous drafts of drinking water health advisories for this chemical.

What is an Advisory?

The U.S. EPA Health Advisory Program was initiated to provide information and guidance to individuals or agencies concerned with potential risk from drinking water contaminants for which no national regulations currently exist. Advisories are not mandatory standards for action. Advisories are used only for guidance and are not legally enforceable. They are subject to revision as new information becomes available. EPA's Health Advisory program is recognized in the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996, which state in section 102(b)(1)(F):

"The Administrator may publish health advisories (which are not regulations) or take other appropriate actions for contaminants not subject to any national primary drinking water regulation".

As its title indicates, this Advisory includes consumer acceptability advice as "appropriate" under this statutory provision, as well as a health effects analysis.

What is MtBE?

MtBE is a volatile, organic chemical. Since the late 1970's, MtBE has been used as an octane enhancer in gasoline. Because it promotes more complete burning of gasoline, thereby reducing carbon monoxide and ozone levels, it is commonly used as a gasoline additive in localities which do not meet the National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

In the Clean Air Act of 1990 (Act), Congress mandated the use of reformulated gasoline (RFG) in areas of the country with the worst ozone or smog problems. RFG must meet certain technical specifications set forth in the Act, including a specific oxygen content. Ethanol and MtBE are the primary oxygenates used to meet the oxygen content requirement. MtBE is used in about 84% of RFG supplies. Currently, 32 areas in a total of 18 states are participating in the RFG program, and RFG accounts for about 30% of gasoline nationwide.

Studies identify significant air quality and public health benefits that directly result from the use of fuels oxygenated with MtBE, ethanol or other chemicals. The refiners' 1995/96 fuel data submitted to EPA indicate that the national emissions benefits exceeded those required. The 1996 Air Quality Trends Report shows that toxic air pollutants declined significantly between 1994 and 1995. Early analysis indicates this progress may be attributable to the use of RFG. Starting in the year 2000, required emission reductions are substantially greater, at about 27% for volatile organic compounds, 22% for toxic air pollutants, and 7% for nitrogen oxides.

Why is MtBE a Drinking Water Concern?

A limited number of instances of significant contamination of drinking water with MtBE have occurred due to leaks from underground and

above ground petroleum storage tank systems and pipelines. Due to its small molecular size and solubility in water, MtBE moves rapidly into groundwater, faster than do other constituents of gasoline. Public and private wells have been contaminated in this manner. Non-point sources, such as recreational watercraft, are most likely to be the cause of small amounts of contamination in a large number of shallow aquifers and surface waters. Air deposition through precipitation of industrial or vehicular emissions may also contribute to surface water contamination. The extent of any potential for build-up in the environment from such deposition is uncertain.

Is MtBE in Drinking Water Harmful?

Based on the limited sampling data currently available, most concentrations at which MtBE has been found in drinking water sources are unlikely to cause adverse health effects. However, EPA is continuing to evaluate the available information and is doing additional research to seek more definitive estimates of potential risks to humans from drinking water.

There are no data on the effects on humans of drinking MtBE-contaminated water. In laboratory tests on animals, cancer and noncancer effects occur at high levels of exposure. These tests were conducted by inhalation exposure or by introducing the chemical in oil directly to the stomach. The tests support a concern for potential human hazard. Because the animals were not exposed through drinking water, there are significant uncertainties about the degree of risk associated with human exposure to low concentrations typically found in drinking water.

How Can People be Protected?

MtBE has a very unpleasant taste and odor, and these properties can make contaminated drinking water unacceptable to the public. This Advisory recommends control levels for taste and odor acceptability that will also protect against potential health effects.

Studies have been conducted on the concentrations of MtBE in drinking water at which individuals can detect the odor or taste of the chemical. Humans vary widely in the concentrations they are able to detect. Some who are sensitive can detect very low concentrations, others do not taste or smell the chemical even at much higher concentrations. Moreover, the presence or absence of other

natural or water treatment chemicals can mask or reveal the taste or odor effects.

Studies to date have not been extensive enough to completely describe the extent of this variability, or to establish a population threshold of response. Nevertheless, we conclude from the available studies that keeping concentrations in the range of 20 to 40 micrograms per liter (µg/L) of water or below will likely avert unpleasant taste and odor effects, recognizing that some people may detect the chemical below this.

Concentrations in the range of 20 to 40 µg/L are about 20,000 to 100,000 (or more) times lower than the range of exposure levels in which cancer or noncancer effects were observed in rodent tests. This margin of exposure is in the range of margins of exposure typically provided to protect against cancer effects by the National Primary Drinking Water Standards under the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act. This margin is greater than such standards typically provided to protect against noncancer effects. Thus, protection of the water source from unpleasant taste and odor as recommended will also protect consumers from potential health effects.

EPA also notes that occurrences of ground water contamination observed at or above this 20-40 μ g/l taste and odor threshold -- that is, contamination at levels which may create consumer acceptability problems for water suppliers -- have to date resulted from leaks in petroleum storage tanks or pipelines, not from other sources.

What is Being Done About the Problem?

Research

The EPA, other federal and state agencies, and private entities are conducting research and developing a strategy for future research on all health and environmental issues associated with the use of oxygenates. To address the research needs associated with oxygenates in water, a public, scientific workshop to review the EPA's Research Strategy for Oxygenates in Water document was held on October 7, 1997.

Discussions included current, or soon to be started, oxygenate projects in the areas of environmental monitoring/occurrence, source characterization, transport and fate, exposure, toxicity, remediation, among others. The identified research will help provide the

necessary information to better understand the health effects related to MtBE and other oxygenates in water, to further our knowledge on remediation techniques, and to direct future research planning towards the areas of highest priority. This document is expected to be available for external review by January, 1998. EPA plans to hold a workshop with industry to secure commitments on conducting the needed research in the Spring of 1998.

The EPA has also recently notified a consortium of fuel and fuel additive manufacturers of further air-related research requirements of industry under section 211(b) of the Clean Air Act (CAA). The proposed animal inhalation research focuses on the short and long term inhalation effects of conventional gasoline and MtBE gasoline in the areas of neurotoxicity, immunotoxicity, reproductive and developmental toxicity, and carcinogenicity. The testing requirements will also include an extensive array of human exposure research. This research will be completed at varying intervals over the next five years and could be very useful for assessing risks from MtBE in water, depending on the outcome of studies underway on extrapolation of inhalation risks to oral ingestion.

When adequate research on the human health effects associated with ingestion of oxygenates becomes available, the EPA Office of Water will issue a final health advisory to replace the present advisory.

Monitoring

The EPA's Office of Water has also entered into a cooperative agreement with the United States Geological Survey (USGS) to conduct an assessment of the occurrence and distribution of MtBE in the 12 mid-Atlantic and Northeastern states. Like California, these States have used MtBE extensively in the RFG and Oxygenated Fuels programs. This study will supplement the data gathered in California and will attempt to shed light on the important issues of (1) whether or not MtBE has entered drinking water distribution systems or impacted drinking water source supplies, and (2) determine if point (land) or nonpoint sources (air) are associated with detections of MtBE in ground water resources. Activities are underway to begin collecting data in early 1998.

Underground Storage Tanks

Under EPA regulations, leaks from underground storage tank systems (USTs) which may cause

contamination of groundwater with MtBE or other materials are required to be reported to the "implementing agency" which, in most cases, is a state agency. The EPA Office of Underground Storage Tanks and State and local authorities are addressing the cleanup of water contaminated by such leaks. All USTs installed after December 1988 have been required to meet EPA regulations for preventing leaks and spills. All USTs that were installed prior to December 1988 must be upgraded, replaced, or closed to meet these requirements by December 1998.

Safe Drinking Water Act Candidate List

The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), as amended in 1996, requires EPA to publish a list of contaminants that may require regulation, based on their known or anticipated occurrence in public drinking water systems. The SDWA, as amended, specifically directs EPA to publish the first list of contaminants (Contaminant Candidate List, or CCL) by February 1998, after consultation with the scientific community, including EPA's Science Advisory Board, and after notice and opportunity for public comment. The amendments also require EPA to select at least five contaminants from the final CCL and make a determination of whether or not to develop regulations, including drinking water standards, for them by 2001. The EPA Office Water published a draft CCL for public comment in the Federal Register on October 6, 1997 (62 FR 52194). MtBE is included on the draft CCL based on actual MtBE contamination of certain drinking water supplies, e.g., Santa Monica, and the potential for contamination of other drinking water supplies in areas of the country where MtBE is used in high levels.

How Can I Get My Water Tested?

A list of local laboratories that can test your water for MtBE can be obtained from your state drinking water agency. The cost for testing is approximately \$150 per sample. The analysis should be performed by a laboratory certified to perform EPA certified methods. The laboratory should follow EPA Method 524.2 (gas chromatography/mass spectrometry).

How Can I Get Rid of MtBE If It's In M y Water?

In most cases it is difficult and expensive for individual home owners to treat their own water. Any detection of MtBE should be reported to

your local water authority, who can work with you to have your water tested and treated.

Are There Any Recommendation s for State or Public Water Suppliers?

Public water systems that conduct routine monitoring for volatile organic chemicals can test for MtBE at little additional cost, and some States are already moving in this direction.

Public water systems detecting MtBE in their source water at problematic concentrations can remove MtBE from water using the same conventional treatment techniques that are used to clean up other contaminants originating from gasoline releases, such as air stripping and granular activated carbon (GAC). However, because MtBE is more soluble in water and more resistant to biodegradation than other chemical constituents in gasoline, air stripping and GAC treatment requires additional optimization and must often be used together to remove MtBE effectively from water. The costs of removing MtBE will be higher than when treating for gasoline releases that do not contain MtBE. Oxidization of MtBE UV/peroxide/ozone treatment may also be feasible, but typically has higher capital and operating costs than air stripping and GAC.

To Obtain the Advisory:

Call the National Center for Environmental Publications and Information (NCEPI) at 1-800-490-9198 to be sent a copy or write to NCEPI, EPA Publications Clearinghouse, P.O. Box 42419, Cincinnati, OH 45242.

Internet download: www.epa.gov/OST/Tools/MtBEaa.pdf

To Obtain the Research Strategy on Oxygenates in Water, External Review Draft, Contact: Diane Ray, U.S. EPA, Office of Research and Development, NCEA, MD-52, RTP, NC 27711 or by phone (919)541-3637.

Internet download: www.epa.gov/ncea/oxywater.htm

To Obtain the 211(b) Air-Related Resear ch Requirements, Contact:

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ORGANIC ANALYTICAL RESULTS

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VIII Lake Code Designation

Laboratory Reports are provided in the previous sections.

Sample ID is "XX-YY-ZZ" where

XX designation: YY designation BB for Black Butte SP for Spring EA for Eastman SU for Summar EN for Englebright HE for Hensley IS for Isabella KA for Kaweah ME for Mendocino MC for Martis Creek NH for New Hogan PF for Pine Flat SO for Sonoma SU for Success

ZZ designation
S for surface of Lake
B for bottom of Lake
I-1 for inflow1
I-2 for inflow 2
O for outflow

Example: HE-SU-S is for a water sample taken from Hensley in the Summer on the Lake's Surface.